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SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 3/29/68

Attached pertains to a conversation between Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and Stanley Levison, his principal advisor and long-time secret Communist Party member. These two discuss the current political situation relating to the Democratic Presidential race.

Pertinent information in the attached will be furnished the White House only, if you approve.

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There are enclosed for the Bureau 11 copies of
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 [REDACTED] on 3/26/68, concerning a conversation between
 STANLEY LEVISON and MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. on whether
 KING should back Senator ROBERT KENNEDY or Senator EUGENE
 MC CARTHY.

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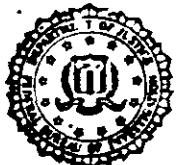
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New York, New York

March 27, 1968

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Martin Luther King
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G Moore

6074 On March 26, 1968, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Dora McDonald, Secretary to Martin Luther King, Jr., head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), requested Stanley Levison to prepare a letter for colleges pointing out that King is not a candidate for the presidency and that there is no campaign material available. She said she wanted this letter, because due to the "Time" Magazine, College Presidential Poll in April, letters have been received from many colleges asking for campaign material and King's appearance at these colleges. ✓

The source learned that later on March 26, 1968, Stanley Levison discussed with Martin Luther King, Jr., the request from Dora McDonald to prepare a letter stating King is not a presidential candidate. Levison suggested that King's position, on this college poll, should be to state that he, King, does not want to be included as a candidate because his candidates are those who are strongly opposed to the (Vietnam) war or those in favor of ending the war and those who support the principles of the President's Commission on Civil Disorders. Levison continued that as King sees it, there are only two candidates who reflect these points of view, namely, Senators Robert Kennedy and Eugene McCarthy, and King would prefer not to be a third candidate and split the anti-war candidates. ✓

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Martin Luther King

King agreed with this suggestion. He noted that he already determined that he would say he is not a candidate and is not interested in becoming one. He felt a better way to handle the requests would be to send some material such as some of his speeches.

Levison commented that if King were to be a candidate in the college poll he, Levison, could envision King polling a number of votes, along with Kennedy and McCarthy, which would result in President Johnson emerging the winner in the collegiate poll. Levison pointed out that, in taking the position he suggested, King would be "blessing both McCarthy and Kennedy", and not making a choice yet between them.

King stated this is the position he has followed thus far, that both are good, competent men, committed to the principles they are concerned about. He added, however, that they should be realistic enough to see that, if there is any possibility of stopping President Johnson, it will be Kennedy.

Levison agreed, stating that many liberals are being sentimental and not very wise because Kennedy will have a tough job in stopping President Johnson. He said it cannot be done "with a Galahad, like McCarthy". He added that he keeps pointing out that McCarthy was less progressive than Kennedy in the past. Levison agreed with King that McCarthy has not been as strong on civil rights as has Kennedy.

Levison and King agreed that President Johnson has his greatest strength among the working class and among Negroes, that McCarthy has no strength among these groups, but that Kennedy does. They agreed also that Kennedy will split the Negro vote with Levison adding that Kennedy also will split the working class vote.

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Martin Luther King

King expressed the opinion that at some point along the campaign trail Kennedy and McCarthy will have to get together. Levison then criticized McCarthy's stubbornness on this point, stating that he would have expected McCarthy to say he will finish up, do a tremendous job in Wisconsin, then withdraw.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

April 23, 1968

The attached anonymous letter was sent to the Director from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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P. Dabbs
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Anonymous
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April 19, 1968

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir,

Have you considered the possibility that Martin Luther King was "murdered" at his own request? He wanted to be a martyr, having illusions of being Christ. It co-incided with Good Friday. His last speeches and references to his funeral point in that direction.

Mr. King was not the peaceful man he wanted to appear. He had an uncanny power to incite people into a frenzy. His fiery references to the "promised land" were enough to drive his people into ecstacy, instilling in them the desire to overrun everything that came in their path.

Don't let your desire to find the murderer lead you into making one man the scapegoat for it, in order to appease the public. The real murderer will never be found; it was arranged that way.

For the sake of justice

ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATOR
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
The Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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[REDACTED]
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Dear [REDACTED]

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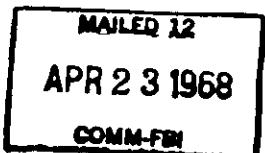
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I received your letter of April 15th.

As you are undoubtedly aware the FBI, at the specific request of the Attorney General, has instituted an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the slaying of Martin Luther King. I can assure you this inquiry is being conducted in a most thorough and expeditious manner. As the head of a strictly investigative agency of the Federal Government, it would not be proper for me to make any comment relative to your inquiry.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



MC JMW
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NOTE: Bufiles indicate that in 1965 correspondent advised Senator Paul Douglas that he had information that an examining doctor at the Draft Induction Center in Chicago received money to illegally classify an inductee as having palsy. Investigation resulted in the indictment and arrest of an alleged inductee and a notorious Chicago physician. Prosecution is pending at this time for alleged violations of the Selective Service Act, conspiracy and fraud against the Government.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D.C.

Attn: Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The eulogizing of the "fork-mouthed" Martin Luther King by the politicians afraid of losing the Negro vote as well as others not knowing better is thoroughly disgusting.

I have not seen any statement of yours alluding to his assassination and, believing like yourself that he was one of the greatest liars in the United States, I would appreciate your comments concerning his passing.

Very truly yours,

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SAC, CLEVELAND (157-293) (P)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING
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Re Bureau airtel to Cleveland, 12/7/67; Bureau
Form 0-7 to Cleveland 1/12/68, with enclosure, captioned
airtel to Bureau, 1/8/68, and Cleveland airtel to Bureau,
3/29/68. b7(c)

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven (11) copies of
an LHM setting forth information relative to an allegation that
Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING had ordered a shipment of 12,000
Remington automatic rifles. Two copies are being sent to the
Atlanta Office as it was origin in the MARTIN LUTHER KING case;
two informational copies are being sent to the New York Office
as this allegation reportedly was started by an individual
in the New York area.

Cleveland is setting forth the results of all
interviews in this matter in the attached LHM in the event the
Bureau wants to disseminate it; Cleveland is taking no further
action in this matter as inquiry at the Remington Arms Company
indicated Reverend KING never ordered any firearms from that
company.

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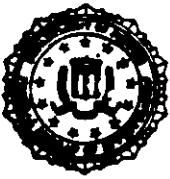
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Cleveland, Ohio
April 25, 1968

REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING

[REDACTED] Ohio, 44094, has corresponded with the FBI in Washington, D.C., and Cleveland on several occasions in 1966 and 1967, seeking information regarding various organizations. [REDACTED] indicated in his letters that he was 19 years of age in 1967 and was a member of the John Birch Society.

APPROX. 1949

[REDACTED] submitted a letter to Senator FRANK J. LAUSCHE, Washington, D.C., which stated:

"Dear Senator Lausche,

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"I have been informed by a very reliable source that the 'Rev.' Martin L. King has ordered a shipment of 12,000 Remington automatic rifles.

"I have been aware of Dr. King's extensive Communist background for quite some time, but this still came as a shock to me. The Communists expect to take over this country by 1975 at the very latest. I have no doubt that they will be successful.

"In any event, we still have about 5 years of freedom remaining and I thank God that I am able to write you in this manner and ask for any information you may have in regard to The King and his rifles.

"Very sincerely yours,

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RE: REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING

The above letter was furnished to the FBI in Washington, D.C., by Senator LAWSOME.

On January 5, 1968.

[REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that on an unrecalled date, sometime in November, 1967, he attended a function sponsored by the Mentor Baptist Church, which is located at the junction of Routes 84 and 306, Mentor, Ohio, where one PETER VARONOF, presumably an officer of "Crusade for God and Freedom, Inc.," P.O. Box 6483, Cleveland, Ohio, was the guest speaker.

[REDACTED] stated that VARONOF's speech primarily dealt with the magnitude of the Communist threat and, during the course of this talk, VARONOF stated he had information to the effect that sometime during the Spring or Summer of 1968, "the Communists planned to burn 20 U. S. cities." b7c JC

VARONOF further stated that he had information that approximately two years ago, MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., purchased 12,000 Remington automatic rifles, however, he failed to indicate where the aforementioned rifles were purchased or for what specific purpose.

[REDACTED] did state PETER VARONOF indicated that MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., paid for these weapons with his own personal check and, further, he [REDACTED] was led to believe that the rifles had been purchased directly from the Remington Firearms Company.

[REDACTED] stated that PETER VARONOF furnished no additional information to document and/or substantiate the aforementioned statements.

At the conclusion of the interview [REDACTED] advised that he was having a presentation meeting of the John Birch Society at his residence in the near future.

RE: REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING

Peter Varonof

On February 1, 1968, PETER J. VARONOF, [REDACTED] Timberline, Ohio, was interviewed by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] He furnished the following information:

VARONOF advised that he was a Baptist minister and is presently semi-retired. He said he was at a luncheon in Ravenna, Ohio, with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Ohio, 44241, [REDACTED] In late October or early November, 1967, and [REDACTED] who was accompanied by his assistant, told VARONOF about MARTIN LUTHER KING's purchase of 12,000 Remington rifles. [REDACTED] mentioned that KING had used his personal check to purchase the rifles, and that the Remington Company in Springfield, Massachusetts, had confirmed KING's purchase of the above mentioned rifles. b7c

With regard to the information about the burning of cities, Mr. VARONOF stated that there was an article in the editorial page of a newspaper in Mansfield, Ohio, which reported the plan of the communists to burn 20 American cities. This article appeared in September or October, 1967.

VARONOF's speech before the "Crusade for God and Freedom, Inc.," was only information which VARONOF was passing along on a second-hand basis.

Throughout the conversation with VARONOF, he pointed out his concern over the threat of communism in taking over younger people in America and in taking over America through infiltration of organizations such as the Peace Corps and Vista.

On March 4, 1968, [REDACTED] Mansfield News Journal, the only Mansfield, Ohio newspaper, made available his personal file of all editorials written by him for the period June - December, 1967, and these editorials were reviewed but there was no such editorial regarding the burning of 20 American cities as planned by Communists.

In addition, the editorial pages for all the papers issued in September and October, 1967, which are now on micro-film were reviewed and this also met with negative results.

[REDACTED] advised that he personally could not recall such an article being written by him and he felt if such an article appeared on the editorial page, it might have been in the "Letters to the Editor" section and if this were the case he would have no recollection of same.

RE: REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING

On March 22, 1968,

[REDACTED] was interviewed by SA [REDACTED] and the following information was obtained:

[REDACTED] advised that he is very interested in guns, and that sometime during the Fall of 1967, while discussing the subject of guns with one of the members of his church, the member mentioned that MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. had ordered 10,000 shotguns from the Remington Arms Company, Springfield, Massachusetts.

This member [REDACTED], according to the [REDACTED], stated that his source for this information was a friend, or acquaintance, who is employed by Remington. [REDACTED] indicated that KING had ordered the shotguns, but did not state that KING had actually received the shipment.

[REDACTED] said that later in 1967, while engaged in a conversation with PETER VARONOF [REDACTED], Timberlake, Ohio, he mentioned the story about KING's alleged attempt to purchase the shotguns. He said he later heard that VARONOF had spoken at a church, and had reported to the members there that he had documented proof that KING had ordered a large number of rifles from the Remington Company. [REDACTED] added that VARONOF had the reputation of being a great "story swapper", and was not above stretching the truth a little to improve the effect of a story. b7c b7d

[REDACTED] advised on March 28, 1968, that he was the [REDACTED] told the rumor about Reverend KING buying the [REDACTED] mentioned that approximately one year ago, [REDACTED] was talking to one of his relatives (whose name he would not furnish) who lives in the New York City area. This relative told [REDACTED] that he had a friend named [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has built some machinery for the Remington Arms Company. [REDACTED] during a visit to the Remington Company about a year ago, had occasion to see several orders for large quantities of guns to be shipped by Remington; one was to one of the Arabian countries and another was for [REDACTED] for 10,000 shotguns with 18 inch barrels. [REDACTED] passed this information on to [REDACTED] relative, and [REDACTED] told this to [REDACTED]

RE: REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING

On April 15, 1968, [REDACTED] Remington Arms Company, Inc., Bridgeport, Connecticut, advised that MARTIN LUTHER KING had never ordered firearms from the Remington Arms Company or made inquiry concerning firearms. According to [REDACTED] Remington has never received an order for 10,000 shotguns or rifles from any single individual. b7c b7d

b7c b7d (P) On April 16, 1968, [REDACTED] Remington Arms Company, Inc., Ilion, New York, advised SA [REDACTED] that all guns sold by his company are manufactured at this plant and shipments of them are made to authorized distributors only. He stated no shipment of guns is made to individuals or organizations and, therefore, no such shipment would have been directed at any time to Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING.

[REDACTED] noted that a shotgun with an 18" barrel would be the Remington Model 870, 12 gauge, which has been known as the riot gun now called the police gun. In 1966 there were 3,495 of these weapons sold, over 3,000 of which went to the California Highway Patrol, and during 1967, only 845 of these were sold, all to known distributors.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: April 12, 1968

FROM : N. P. Callahan

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SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

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Pages E3004-E3005. Congressman Parick, (D) Louisiana, exhibited his remarks concerning events of the past few days. He included a news release issued by Maj. Gen. Edwin A. Walker, U. S. Army, resigned, entitled "Year 1968: A Choice--'We Dare Defend Our Rights.'" Mr. Parick also included other miscellaneous news clippings. This material included an article from the Yakima (Washington) Eagle of November 30, 1967, entitled "King Was A Communist." This article stated "The first disclosure that a secret FBI report existed which tied Martin Luther King to communism was published in Washington Lawyer & N. Walker on NO. 13 in the February 13, 1968 issue. At that time, Attorney General Nicholas De B. Katzenbach refused to turn over this file to the House Committee on Un-American Activities. ---- WHO is now happy to report that the FBI file on King is not only in the hands of the HCUA--but copies are also in the hands of Congressman John J. Rooney (D) New York, chairman of a House Appropriations subcommittee. ---- As previously reported in W.L., when the FBI agents had King under surveillance they observed him meet a well-identified Soviet espionage agent at the Kennedy Airport in New York. ---- The Federal agents also adduced evidence of his unsavory personal conduct in Washington hotels and elsewhere and the fact that he had violated the Mann Act (white slavery). This is a violation of the U. S. Criminal Code that comes under the purview of the FBI, but neither Attorney General Katzenbach nor his successor Ramsey Clark would allow the FBI to present the evidence to a Federal Grand Jury." This material also contained an affidavit signed by Karl Prussion on September 25, 1963, which stated "I, Karl Prussion, a former counterespionage agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation from 1947 to 1966, do hereby swear under oath and under penalty of perjury, that from the years 1954 through 1955 I attended five county committee meetings of the Communist Party of Santa Clara County, California. ---- I hereby also state that Martin Luther King has either been a member of, or willingly has accepted support from, over 60 Communist fronts, individuals, and/or organizations, which give aid to or espouse Communist causes." (Karl Prussion was an informant from November 1949 until July 1953 per the Domestic Intelligence Division.)

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for 4-11-68 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate already case or subject matter files.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI *ct-d*

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-35356) (P) *1-836 P*

SUBJECT: RACIAL DISTURBANCES FOLLOWING
ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER
KING, Jr.,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,
BEGINNING EVENING, 4/4/68
RM

Refer to 100-35356

Remyairtel and LHM dated 4/16/68, above caption.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 12 copies of an LHM setting forth information concerning captioned matter. A copy of this LHM is also being provided the Springfield Office for information.

Chicago is continuing to follow this matter and all pertinent Chicago racial sources continue assigned to develop any additional data possible relative to captioned matter. The Bureau and interested office will be immediately advised of any subsequent developments.

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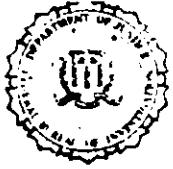
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Chicago, Illinois

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FOLLOWING ASSASSINATION
OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,
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Reference is made to Chicago memoranda, above caption and that of "Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.," dated in the period April 9-12, 1968, and April 16, 1968.

It might briefly be noted that the above communications concerned themselves with major disturbances which took place in Chicago over the period of April 5-7, 1968, gradually subsiding from that point until the removal of Illinois National Guard (ING) forces and United States Army troops was effected, these forces having been ordered to Chicago during the initial phases of the disturbances to restore order.

On April 15, 1968, various Chicago sources advised, and Chicago's press media contained voluminous information concerning an unscheduled press conference held that date by Chicago's Mayor Richard J. Daley. During the course of this press conference Daley was critical of the actions of the Chicago Police Department (PD) and its Superintendent James B. Conlisk, Jr., for their actions in connection with the control of the previous disorders. Daley announced that he was forming a special blue ribbon committee of nine members to investigate the conduct of the PD, as well as the Chicago Fire Department (CFD) and ING forces during the course of these disturbances.

The committee appointed by Daley was to be headed by United States District Court (USDC) Judge Richard B. Austin and was to include the following individuals:

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Chicago Crime Commission

Ray Simon, Chicago Corporation Counsel

M. P. Venoma, President, Chicago Association
of Commerce and Industry

William E. Petersen, President, Cook County
Bar Association

According to local news media, at this press conference Mayor Daley had stated he had ordered Police Superintendent Conlisk, prior to the racial disturbances, to "shoot to kill" arsonists and to "shoot to maim or cripple" looters. Mayor Daley stated that as of this date he had reissued both orders to Superintendent Conlisk concerning any future riots. He had also ordered the use of the chemical Mace against teen-agers or other rioters and criticized the failure of the PD to adequately utilize Mace during the disorders.

Daley advised the news media representatives at this press conference that he had discovered on this date, April 15, 1968, that these orders referred to previously had never been issued to Chicago police officers prior to or during the disturbance. In connection with the question put to Mayor Daley as to the possible removal of Superintendent Conlisk, he advised he would await the findings of the nine

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man committee appointed by him before making any decision. As well as actions of city agencies and ING forces, the committee is to look into all ramifications of the extensive arson activities during the recent disorders, the widespread dissemination of rumors and the extensive looting. An effort will be made by this committee to determine whether or not any conspiracy was involved in any aspect of these disorders. Daley was quoted by various news media as follows, "I said to Superintendent Conlisk very emphatically and very definitely that I wanted an order issued to the police at once, over his signature to shoot to kill any arsonists, or anyone with a molotov cocktail in hand to fire a Chicago building. I told Conlisk to issue an order to police to shoot to maim or cripple anyone looting any stores in our city." Daley stated that riot probbers would also look into the fact that telephone lines in Chicago were jammed with calls during the disorders and that expressway traffic had seemed unusually heavy.

On April 15, 1968, a confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on April 12, 1968, Chicago's Mayor Daley had met with some 60 representatives of Chicago business and industry. Daley had requested these individuals to furnish 25,000 jobs for youths of the city during the coming summer to counteract the widespread unemployment of this age group during this summer time. This age group specifically would be inclusive of the years 16 to 21. Mr. Morgan Murphy, an executive of the Commonwealth Edison Company, is to chair this committee which will be known as Mayor Daley's Summer Jobs for Youth Committee.

During the late evening hours of April 15, 1968,

[REDACTED] advised that a memorial march for King was held between the hours of 7:30-8:30 PM in the village. The march was sponsored by the Arlington Heights Human Relations Commission and some 250 persons, primarily Caucasian participated. The affair was

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peaceful with no incidents or arrests having occurred.

[REDACTED] source, during the latter hours of April 15, 1968, advised that Chicago remained calm at the present time, that tensions continued to exist in the predominantly Negro-ghetto areas of the city, however, there had been no recent incidents which had transpired which could be related to the recent disorders.

On April 16, 1968, Chicago's news media continued to afford extensive coverage and commentary to the remarks made by Mayor Daley at his press conference the previous day.

Various news articles contained an order issued by Police Superintendent Conlisk to all commanding officers of the department as a result of the Mayor's instructions to him, the order as follows, "Arson, attempted arson, burglary and attempted burglary are forcible felonies. Such force as is necessary, including deadly force, shall be used to prevent the commission of these offenses and to prevent the escape of perpetrators. Commanding officers will insure the above and general order 67-14 will continually be reviewed at all role calls effective immediately, and continuing through April 22, 1968."

As a matter of information, it might be noted that general police order 67-14 was issued by a former Chicago police superintendent, O. W. Wilson, May 16, 1967, and is as follows: "Police are not to 1) fire into crowds; 2) fire over heads of crowds except on orders from officer above rank of captain; 3) fire warning shots where there is chance of injuring bystanders; 4) fire into buildings or through doors where person fired at is not clearly visible." Local press articles reflect considerable controversy had been aroused in the community as a result of the Mayor's remarks and instructions to the police superintendent. Various representatives of the Negro community and civil rights leaders were quoted as deplored the Mayor's comments with various representatives of other interested groups commenting in a laudatory fashion. For example, Reverend Jesse Jackson, National

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Director, Operation Breadbasket, economic arm of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, referred to the Mayor's statement as "facist response." Jackson stated that he interpreted the Mayor's remarks to mean that police should have more regard for property and cans of food than human life.

John Mc Demott, Executive Director, Catholic Racial Council, was critical of the Mayor's comments saying history would recall April 15, 1968, was the low point of Mayor Daley's attention. Mc Demott noted that race relations in Chicago are in an extremely delicate and critical condition with the situation at flashpoint, calling for a most careful and sensitive handling by the city's leaders. Mc Demott felt that the Mayor's request for more aggressive police reaction was like throwing a molotov cocktail at an ammunition dump.

Joseph J. Le Fevour, President, Fraternal Order of Police, was noted as having sent a telegram to Mayor Daley praising his statements and comments.

In this same vain, Brigadier General Richard T. Dunn, Commander of the ING, and in charge of ING forces in Chicago during the recent disorders was quoted in the press to the effect that police behavior in general "indicated satisfactory performance" so far as he was concerned. Dunn stated that he was not in Chicago prior to the late evening of April 5, 1968, but after he became personally involved in the situation, actions of the police which he had observed, had all seemed perfectly proper to him. He was quoted as having stated "I personally saw police bringing looting to a halt in buildings out there."

[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, [REDACTED] advised on April 16, 1968, that Chicago's news media generally was having difficulty finding people involved in the upper echelons of industry or the [REDACTED] b7(d)

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community generally who would publicly back Mayor Daley's comment for a more aggressive response to disorders. This source advised that many individuals contacted for comments in this regard seemed to agree with the Mayor's firm stand, but felt however, that the timing of his statement, together with the public criticism of the PD at this time was highly inappropriate.

Chicago's sources, generally knowledgeable concerning racial conditions on the west and south sides of the city, during the afternoon and evening of April 16, 1968, were contacted and advised that although there are no known planned acts of violence, or demonstrations in these communities as a result of the Mayor's recent comments, his remarks were received with much displeasure and resentment. The sources advised that these comments have appeared to have increased the already existing tensions and anti-power structure attitudes of many residents of these areas.

In connection with another facet of the recent Chicago disturbances, it might be noted at this point that the Blackstone Rangers, large and violent Negro youth gang operating on Chicago's south side, were reported by PD sources to be engaged in extortion activities against merchants and business establishments in that area, in an implied or indirect promise of protection of these merchants for contributions and donations to the Rangers. The PD reportedly has been making investigation into these charges.

In this connection a press conference was held on April 16, 1968, on Chicago's south side and at this press conference representatives of two south side Chicago business-men's associations denied reports that the Rangers had been operating an extortion racket against local businessmen. A statement issued by these associations praised the Rangers for helping to keep down violence in the Woodlawn-Jackson Park area on the south side during the disorders. These spokesmen did concede, however, that there had undoubtedly been isolated extortions where some individuals had attempted to take advantage of the tense situation in this fashion.

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During the late evening hours of April 16, 1968, [REDACTED] source advised that there had been several incidents of sniper fire reported in the area of Oak and Larabee Streets, on Chicago's near north side within the past hour or so. The sniping had been directed at Chicago firemen as they answered fire calls in this area, the fire calls proving to be false alarms. It appeared the alarms had been turned in for this area, with the sniping taking place when the fire trucks entered the vicinity of the fire boxes involved. [REDACTED] were dispatched to escort fire apparatus in all future calls in this area during the course of the evening. The area was quiet as of this time and no injuries have resulted from the sniper fire. The source advised that these activities took place in the area of the near north side where disorders had occurred over the weekend of April 5-7, 1968.

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On April 17, 1968, Chicago's news media continued to report extensively on the controversy which had arisen surrounding comments made by Chicago's Mayor Daley on April 15, 1968, concerning orders to shoot arsonists and shoot to stop orders against looters during disturbances.

In articles appearing in Chicago's newspapers in general circulation on this date, Mayor Daley was noted as having stated that his orders had been misunderstood and blown out of all proportion. The Mayor explained that his shoot to kill orders refer to "obvious" arsonists, continuing that "if they are burning the buildings down, they should be shot." The Mayor added that this order would apply to arsonists in future disturbances.

In reporting comments of various local personages and individuals familiar with the Chicago situation, various newspapers contain comments, pro and con concerning the Mayor's recent remarks. Former Chicago Police Superintendent O. W. Wilson was reported to have supported Mayor Daley's comments, stating that the furor over his order was "an incredible misunderstanding." Wilson felt that Mayor Daley was proposing action within the framework of Illinois law, noting that the Mayor was not proposing shooting in lieu of arrest but was referring to the use of deadly force in effecting lawful arrest.

The "Chicago Tribune", a major Chicago newspaper, in an editorial on April 17, 1968, strongly supported Mayor Daley's position, pointing out that many homes and businesses destroyed during the disturbances might have been saved if more force had been used to crush the riot at its beginningings. The editorial pointed out that the orders to the police by Mayor Daley served notice on arsonists and looters that they would start further orgies of destruction at their own peril.

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In an article appearing in another major Chicago newspaper, the "Chicago Sun-Times", on April 16, 1968, Professor Fred Inbau, Professor of Criminal Law at Northwestern University and President of Americans for Effective Law Enforcement, was noted as stating that police were justified in shooting to kill in certain instances. Inbau had stated "if the only way the police can prevent arsonists and looters from escaping is to shoot them, then shoot them."

Continuing in connection with the controversy which had arisen subsequent to Mayor Daley's press conference, a third confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on April 17, 1968, Jesse Jackson, National Director, Operation Breadbasket (OB), the economic arm of the SCLC, had held a press conference in Chicago. At this press conference, Jackson had announced that since Mayor Daley has declared war upon black people, through his orders to the Chicago Police Department, ministers affiliated with OB will stage a massive march and "prayer-in" at Chicago's City Hall, as well as marches into "uncivilized areas", presumed by the source to mean white communities of Chicago, sometime in the near future. This activity would be in protest of the Mayor's comments. Jackson was unable to give any specific date as to when this activity would take place on the part of OB. He stated, however, it would hopefully be within the next week.

During the late evening of April 17, 1968, Chicago's press media carried stories which indicated that Mayor Daley had to some extent qualified his comments made at his press conference on April 15, 1968. [REDACTED] b(1)

In this connection, [REDACTED] above, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available the text of a statement made by Mayor Daley on this date at a meeting of the Chicago City Council. The statement is as follows:

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Throughout the nation on May 1st there will be the observance of Law Day. This is the eleventh annual observance but at no time can this occasion have greater significance to every citizen.

It is the established policy of the Police Department -- fully supported by this administration -- that only minimum force necessary be used by policemen in carrying out their duties. But this established policy was never intended to support permissive violence, destruction, and a complete denial for that respect for law which is vital to our democratic way of life.

Certainly an officer should do everything in his power to make an arrest -- to prevent a crime -- by utilizing minimum force necessary. But I cannot believe that any citizen would hold that policemen should permit an arsonist to carry out his dangerous, murderous mission when minimum force necessary cannot prevent or deter him. There are few crimes that hold the potential of loss of life, or threat to the entire community as does arson.

Nor do I believe that any citizen supports the theory that in times of riot and chaos any person has the right to willfully and maliciously throw a brick through a store window for the purpose of burglary, encourage mob behavior and urge persons to become burglars and thieves and thus expose themselves to serious injury from possible police action. Again, that person should be restrained if possible by minimum force necessary -- but he cannot be given permissive rights for his criminal action.

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Much has been written and said -- and I have been both highly praised and bitterly criticized -- about the role of the police during a dangerous and inflammable riot.

I believe the basic responsibility of the Police Department is to protect the hundreds of thousands of citizens of the community -- from loss of life, destruction and mayhem.

There can be no possible justification of a deliberate criminal act which results in helpless and homeless victims of a holocaust. All the people on the West Side had one universal demand -- protect us from the arsonists -- from the looter, from the mob and its leaders.

Men poised with Molotov cocktails, incendiaries, or fire bombs of any kind -- are the same as the assassins who pulled the triggers on the guns that killed the Rev. Martin Luther King and the late President John F. Kennedy.

We cannot resign ourselves to the proposition that civil protest must lead to death and evastation -- to abandonment of the law that is fundamental for the preservation of the rights of all people and their freedom.

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On April 18, 1968, Chicago's press media continued to report extensive information relating to Mayor Daley's original comments made at the April 15, 1968, press conference. Specifically, an article in the afternoon edition of the "Chicago Daily News" was captioned "Daley's 'Shoot' Order Regarded by Negroes as War Decrce." The article alleged that the Mayor's "shoot to kill" order in future disturbances had stirred new tensions in riot torn areas on Chicago's west side. It continued that Negro residents of this area generally the Lawndale and Garfield Park communities, not identified in the article, were interpreting the Mayor's announcement as a declaration of open war on black people. It had stated that youths on the west side were preparing for an all-out fight against police and other law enforcement agencies who adopted such hard line tactics in the event of another disturbance. Supposedly, according to this article, adults, not identified, were shocked by the Mayor's order and were "talking about" organizing protest marches on City Hall. An unidentified "prominent" member of a west side Negro street gang was alleged to have noted that he has, in the past, cautioned fellow gang members to stay away from disturbances, but now feels differently, stating "if the Mayor is going to war on black people, than we are going to war on white."

In connection with the above comments, it might be noted that [REDACTED] with whom contact has been insufficient to determine reliability, but who is very knowledgeable concerning youth gang activities on the west side, advised that he believed the unidentified west side gang member referred to in the above news article, was connected with the Cobra gang. He noted that the most influential gang on the west side is not the Cobra gang but the Vice Lords. The source stated that the Vice Lords, while not happy with the Mayor's statement, have no plans at the present time to take action as a result of the statements made by him. b7(D)

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[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, and who is knowledgeable concerning militant Negro nationalists on Chicago's west side, as well as Negro street gangs in the area, advised that a meeting had been held on the evening of April 16, 1968, at the headquarters of the Garfield Organization (GO), 9 North Keeler Street. GO is self-identified as a Negro improvement organization in the Garfield Park area, however, it might be noted that several individuals affiliated with the organization, one of whom was a member of the GO staff, were arrested in Chicago during the course of the recent disturbances for arson activities.

The source advised that at this meeting, a decision was made to prepare a statement for forwarding to Mayor Daley, the statement to be critical of his "shoot to kill" orders. GO also planned at this time to hold a fund-raising affair on behalf of the individuals arrested during the recent disturbances and currently held on high bond as a result of the charges placed against them. The source advised that he has heard of no specific plans made by any other gang members on the west side to take any action as a result of statements made by Mayor Daley, however, many youth gang members were very disturbed and upset over his remarks. The source stated that it appeared if further disturbances should occur and "shoot to kill" orders followed by the police as instructed by the Mayor, he felt certain that youth gang members would seek to retaliate in kind.

[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past and who is very knowledgeable concerning Negro youth gang activities on Chicago's south side, particularly in the Woodlawn area, the territory of the "Blackstone Rangers", one of Chicago's largest and most vicious gangs, advised that the Rangers were well aware of Mayor Daley's statement and that it had been the source of much conversation among gang members. He believed, however, that insufficient time has passed for gang members to form any definite reaction to the Mayor's statement. but they will most probably wait and see what effect his statement will have insofar as their relationship with the Chicago Police

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Department is concerned. The source noted that it must be recognized that the Rangers have, for a considerable time, experienced much friction in their relationship with the Chicago Police Department, and on occasion in the past have exchanged gunfire with the police department as well as with the rival gangs in the area, so the Mayor's statement is not anything particularly new to this group.

In commenting concerning recent allegations made reflecting that the Rangers engaged in extortion activities, in the form of a protection racket during the recent disturbances, a source advised that he felt there was no question that the Rangers were doing their share of extorting money from area businessmen. Such activities, however, would be extremely difficult to prove since these merchants are afraid to make any formal complaints due to the retaliation which would be taken against them. The source continued that it would be fair to say that the Mayor's comments had not reduced tensions in the Woodlawn area, but he did feel that at the same time, the statements made by the Mayor had not materially increased tensions here. He knew of no plans for any demonstrations or disorders which could be related to the comments made by the Mayor in relation to the increased use of force by the police department in any future disturbance.

A copy of this memorandum is being provided to the following:

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TO DIRECTOR,

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[REDACTED] ALLEGED THREAT TO PRESIDENT.

ON APRIL TWENTY-FOUR, INSTANT, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FRANKSVILLE, WIS. TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED
THE MILWAUKEE OFFICE AND ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

PREVIOUS EVENING, APRIL TWENTY-THREE, LAST, HE WAS AT
[REDACTED] LOUNGE, [REDACTED] WHERE HE MET
SUBJECTS. [REDACTED] STATED SUBJECTS ARE BROTHERS AND DURING ENSUING
CONVERSATION BOTH SUBJECTS MADE STATEMENTS THAT SEEMED TO [REDACTED]
TO "BE BITTER TO THE PRESIDENT AND TO NEGROES". SUBJECTS ALLEGEDLY
MADE STATEMENTS TO EFFECT THAT THEY WERE WILLING TO PAY TEN DOLLARS,
TWENTY DOLLARS, THIRTY DOLLARS, OR FORTY DOLLARS, TO KILL MARTIN
LUTHER KING, PRESIDENT JOHNSON, AND ROBERT KENNEDY. ~~10 APR 25 1968~~

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[REDACTED] ADVISED ONE OF SUBJECTS IS A TRUCK DRIVER AND MEMBER OF
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GOVERNMENT FOR "PUTTING HOFFA AWAY". [REDACTED] STATED SUBJECTS MAY HAVE BEEN UNDER INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL AS THEY HAD MADE SIMILAR STATEMENTS TO HIM PREVIOUSLY. [REDACTED] DESCRIBED SUBJECTS AS BEING BETWEEN THIRTY-FIVE AND FORTY YEARS OF AGE.

MILWAUKEE UNABLE TO IDENTIFY SUBJECTS IN INDICES.

[REDACTED] SECRETARY, U.S. SECRET SERVICE, ADVISED APRIL TWENTY-FOUR, INSTANT, THAT NO SECRET SERVICE AGENTS AVAILABLE FOR CONTACT. [REDACTED] WAS FURNISHED INFORMATION CONCERNING ABOVE AND ADVISED WOULD CONTACT FIRST SECRET SERVICE AGENT AVAILABLE.

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Arlington Heights, Illinois 60006

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of April 18th has been received.

In response to your first inquiry, information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice.

With respect to your second inquiry, at a press conference on November 18, 1964, I made the statement that Martin Luther King was the most notorious liar in the country. I did so because he had grossly distorted the facts concerning our Special Agents handling civil rights investigations in the South.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Head of F. B. I.
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Washington, D. C.

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Re: Dr. Martin Luther King

Dear Mr. Hoover:

After having seen a poster being carried in a march for Dr. King bearing these words "a black jesus died for our sins in Memphis" I decided to write you. As I found these words to be most distasteful to me & my religion.

Could you confirm, or deny, the following which I have heard:

1. Dr. Kfng's personal secretary was a card carrying communist? and what is his name?
2. In one of your reports he was referred to as a liar and militant?

Thank you so much for your time and understanding of my concern.

Sincerely,

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Bishop

DATE: 4-23-68

FROM : D. C. Morrell

SUBJECT: SENATOR B. EVERETT JORDAN
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By letter dated April 10, 1968, to Assistant to the Director DeLoach, Senator B. Everett Jordan of North Carolina forwarded correspondence relating to requests he had received for information concerning Martin Luther King, especially information from FBI files. Bulet of 4-12-68 to Senator Jordan acknowledged this communication, returned the Senator's enclosures and advised him that while the Director would like to be of assistance to his constituents, data in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice.

Mr. William M. Cochrane, Administrative Assistant to Senator Jordan, called Mr. DeLoach on 4-18-68 and asked if it would be possible to have another letter sent to the Senator which did not mention the fact that our files are confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. Mr. Cochrane explained that all of the constituents who had written to the Senator were angry with the Attorney General and the Department of Justice. In accordance with his conversation, Mr. Cochrane wrote to Mr. DeLoach on 4-18-68 and returned the original and copies of the Director's letter of April 12th to Senator Jordan. Another letter has been prepared to Senator Jordan and is attached for approval. No enclosures are being sent since these were returned with the original letter of April 12th. The current outgoing only makes reference to the current letter from the Senator's Administrative Assistant. Original and constituent copies of 4-12-68 letter will be destroyed and appropriate notation made on yellow file copy.

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The attached letter to Senator B. Everett Jordan be approved and sent.

Enclosure sent 4-25-68
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Bishop

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April 25, 1968

Green Bay, Wisconsin 54301

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Dear [REDACTED]

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While I would like to be of assistance in connection with your letter of April 18th, with enclosure, information regarding possible communist affiliations of Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of a Department of Justice order regarding all matters of a confidential nature. I am sorry I cannot be of help in this instance.

The enclosure to your communication is being returned.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosure

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NOTE: [REDACTED] is not identifiable in Bureau files. We have had citizen inquiries concerning Alert Americans Association but it has not been investigated by the Bureau. It is anti-communist in nature and has circulated photographs of Martin Luther King at the Highlander Folk School and backs the Augusta Courier, a rabidly segregationist newspaper which has been critical of the Bureau in the past.

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April 16, 1968
Green Bay, Wis.

F. B. I.
Washington D. C.
Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a leaflet I received from a friend of mine which was handed to him at a meeting he attended.

Is this a true picture? Was Martin Luther King a Communist? Did he work for the Communists?

The statement I have underlined on the leaflet quote "he is irritated and encouraged by the Kennedys" who are certain to which Kennedys and how are they involved?

A reply in this regard would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED] Green Bay, Wis. 54301

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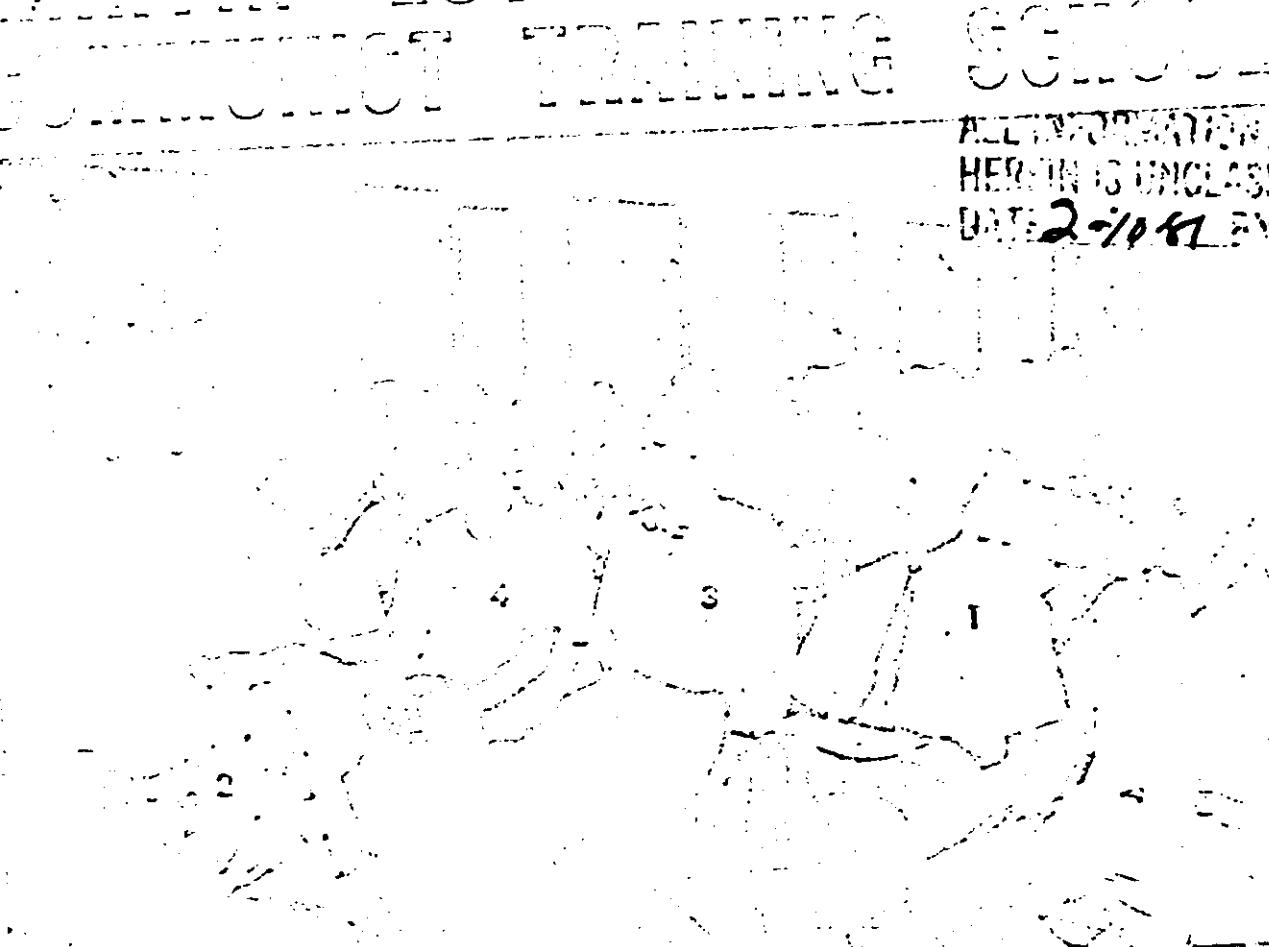
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The above picture was made by an employee of the State of Georgia, at the Highlander Folk School in Monteagle, Tennessee during the Labor Day week-end of 1957. The photographer was sent to the Highlander Folk School by the Georgia Commission on Education. The Highlander Folk School was abolished by an act of the Legislature of the State of Tennessee at a later date because it was charged with being a subversive organization.

Those numbered in the picture are:

1. Martin Luther King, Jr., of the Montgomery boycott and the Birmingham riots. Karl Prasson, a counterspy for the FBI for twenty-two years, charges that Martin Luther King belongs to sixty Communist-front organizations — more than any Communist in the United States. He is promoted and encouraged by the Kennedys.
2. Abner W. Berry of the Central Committee of the Communist Party.
3. Andrew Williams, President of the Southern Conference Education Fund, Inc., The Transition Belt in the South for the Communist Party.
4. Myles Horton, Director of Highlander Folk School for Communist Training, Monteagle, Tennessee.

These "Four Horsemen" of racial agitation have brought tension, disturbance, strife and violence in their advancement of the Communist doctrine of "racial nationalism."

JOIN THE AUGUSTA COURIER IN THE FIGHT FOR FREEDOM

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Alert Americans Association, Box 1222, L. P. 53
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)
 FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-136585)
 SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.;
 SCLC -RACIAL MATTERS

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ReNY teletype 4/17/68.

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There are enclosed for the Bureau 11 copies of
 BLM containing information from [REDACTED] on 4/17/68,
 concerning contacts between STANLEY LEVISON and DORA MC DONALD
 and STANLEY LEVISON and CORETTA KING on that date.

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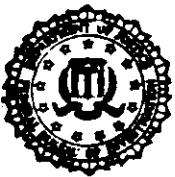
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York
April 18, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
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DATE 4-17-68

Martin Luther King, Jr.;
Southern Christian Leadership Conference
(SCLC) - Racial Matters

On April 17, 1968, a confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, ascertained that on that date Stanley Levison was in contact with Dora McDonald, Secretary to Martin Luther King, Jr., deceased head of the SCLC, and thereafter Coretta King, wife of Martin Luther King. McDonald told Levison that "Meet the Press" wants Ralph Abernathy, successor to Martin Luther King as head of the SCLC, to appear on this program as soon as possible and Coretta King at a later date. She stated that she had not talked to Abernathy who was still in Memphis. Levison questioned if Martin Luther King had not been scheduled to appear on "Face the Nation" then added that "Meet the Press" was the roughest one. He said he had talked with Abernathy and advised him not to appear on "Face the Nation" at the present time because he believed Abernathy was gambling with his reputation and if Abernathy "falls on his face" he would do so before the whole nation. He said Abernathy agreed. Levison added that as far as Abernathy is concerned, it would be best if he put off any appearance until just before the Washington Campaign (Poor People's Campaign scheduled for Washington, D.C.) and that Abernathy acknowledged that he needs to study up on current legislation and political facts.

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

Levison referred to Coretta King's possible appearance at the major mass anti-Vietnam war demonstration scheduled for New York City on April 27, 1968. He said he had checked with Dave Dellinger's (National Director, National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam) office and that he, Levison, feels that it is alright for her to appear on this program and also to participate in the Mothers' March (in Washington, D.C. in connection with the Poor People's Campaign) as long as she does not do anything else. X

Levison then told Coretta King that he had checked with Dave Dellinger's office and that there is a good platform so that if she is inclined to participate, they should be promptly advised so they can have the benefit of the publicity. He emphasized that she should not do other things because it would be too much exposure. Comparing her situation with that of Jackie Kennedy, Coretta commented that she believes many people see that her life was not the same, that people understand how she was "in the picture" and have now given her a mandate that she must remain "in the picture". Levison agreed but counselled this should be done gradually and in good taste. X

Coretta asked about requests for articles about herself and Levison advised that, as a general principle, proceeds for such articles should go to her because the subject of the articles will command the price. He said if thousands are paid for an article, then a few hundred is all the writer is entitled to. X

Levison mentioned that Grosset and Dunlap, an old publishing firm, is coming out with a book, "I Had A Dream", about Martin Luther King which is unauthorized. He said Harper and Rowe are willing to have their lawyers prepare an injunction preventing or stopping the publication and distribution of this book, but a telegram is needed from Coretta to proceed. Levison then read a telegram for her signature and she agreed to have Dora McDonald send it immediately. X

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

Coretta discussed requests she had received for appearances and Levison stated that she would receive many requests but that she will have to be selective and turn many down. He counselled that she should adopt the position that, for the present, she feels that activity in King's behalf has to be toward his memorial and that it would not serve anyone if her name is used by everyone. He added that this says she is using her name in the area she knows would be closest to King, his family and his organization. He said it is important in preserving the strength of a name that it not be overused. ~~S~~

Finally, Levison asked if Coretta wanted him to contact Dave Dellinger. She stated that he should call Dellinger and point out that her exposure must be limited and that she must be protected because she is only doing the things she feels very strongly about, that is, those things that are related to the work of her husband. ~~S~~

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 4/21/68

The attached pertains to
plans of Stanley Levison, long-
time Communist Party member,
to meet with wife of deceased
Martin Luther King, for purpose
of assisting in preparing her
new book. *S*

Information in the attached
will be disseminated to the
White House, Attorney General
and appropriate government
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TO DIRECTOR, AND ATLANTA (CODE)

ATT: DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION
ATLANTA VIA WASHINGTON
FROM NEW YORK 1P

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MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. SCLC — PM

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[REDACTED] WHO HAS

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FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THIS
DATE THAT STANLEY LEVISON IS LEAVING JOHN F. KENNEDY
AIRPORT, NEW YORK, FOUR TWENTY TWO, NEXT VIA EASTERN
AIRLINES FLIGHT ONE ZERO SEVEN Y, ELEVEN THIRTY AM.,
ARRIVING ATLANTA ONE THIRTY FIVE PM., SAME DATE. SOURCE
ADVISED LEVISON ALSO BOOKED RESERVATIONS FOR TWO FOR MOLT
AND CO., BOOK PUBLISHER ON DELTA AIRLINES FLIGHT EIGHT
TWO SEVEN LEAVING JFK AIRPORT ONE TWENTY PM. FOUR TWENTY TWO,
NEXT, TO ARRIVE ATLANTA THREE THIRTY PM. SAME DATE.

PURPOSE OF LEVISON'S FLIGHT IS TO MEET WITH WIFE OF DECEASED
REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING AND HELP IN PLANNING OF NEW BOOK
TO BE WRITTEN BY MRS. KING. SOURCE COULD FURNISH NO FURTHER
INFORMATION. (S)

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date April 17, 1968

The attached communication indicates that Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr., wife of the late Martin Luther King, Jr., is turning to long-time Communist Party member Stanley Levison for advice as did her late husband.

Information in the attached will be disseminated to the White House, Attorney General, and appropriate Government agencies with the exception of information concerning Governor Nelson Rockefeller of New York which will be disseminated to the White House and Attorney General only. U

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THEY AGREED SHE SHOULD TRY TO APPEAR AT PEACE MEETING OF APRIL TWENTYSEVEN. HE SAID HE WOULD CONTACT DELLINGER FOR MORE DETAILS. CORETTA ALSO STATED SHE WANTS TO SUPPORT POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN MOTHER'S DAY MARCH AND WANTS TO TRY TO MOBILIZE WOMEN. SHE ALSO MENTIONED NELSON ROCKEFELLER (GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK) CALLED HER TO ASK IF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) NEEDED MONEY OR IF SHE PERSONALLY NEEDS MONEY. SHE REFERRED HIM TO ANDREW YOUNG (EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, SCLC) ON BOTH QUESTIONS. LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM FOLLOWS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Bishop

DATE: 4-11-68

FROM : D. C. Morrell

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

b7(c) ELMHURST, ILLINOIS

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[Signature]

By letter dated 4-8-68, with copies to Senators Dirksen and Percy, [REDACTED] calls upon the Director to publicly apologize for having called Martin Luther King the most notorious liar in the country. He refers to the Director's comment concerning King as a grievous affront to the character, truthfulness and dignity of King. [REDACTED] expresses the opinion that the Director's remark has created more divisiveness among the people in this country than any other single act he can recall. [REDACTED] indicates he is sending a copy of his letter to Senators Dirksen and Percy in an effort to enlist their aid in having the Director make such an apology.

Bufiles disclose [REDACTED] by a five-page letter dated 5-29-67, proposed the Director resign his position. Among the many things to which [REDACTED] referred in his 5-29-67 letter was the Director's comment concerning King. The Director indicated on [REDACTED] 5-29-67 communication that it should be ignored.

OBSERVATION:

It would appear that no useful purpose would be served in trying to set [REDACTED] straight as to the reasons for the Director's comment concerning King; therefore, the following recommendation is made:

RECOMMENDATION:

That no acknowledgement be made to [REDACTED] current communication.

REC 11 100-106670-3377
APR 26 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Bishop - Enclosure

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ELMHURST, ILLINOIS 60126

April 8, 1968

Copies to:

Senator Everett M. Dirksen
Senator Charles H. Percy
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Constitution Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir,

Allthough four years have passed since you fell into the error of making a grevious affront to the character and truthfulness, and thus the dignity, of Dr. Martin Luther King, would it not now lend an important and forceful note of credibility to the eulogy now flooding from the white community for you to publicly appologize, perhaps within your own expression of bereavement, for having not yet attempted to erase this harm. I call upon you now to make this effort for it is not yet too late to do so in memory of this man.

You must know by now the widespread misinterpretation that many folks who are only seeking support for their prejudices have placed upon the action I refer to. One is hard put to recall any single act during this period of time that could have created as much divisiveness as did this particular event.

we are called upon to bind up the nations wounds. I make this critical suggestion in that creatively constructive spirit and as one who over the years has appreciated that sense of security your office has provided in more tranquil times. Your turning now to such a use of the rostrum, or the press conference desk, so automatically at your command would go just as far to eradicate prejudices as your past harsh judgement did to reinforce such prejudices. Compassion and regret from a figure such as you would be doubly significant and widely appreciated, even to refreshing the old view of you. **REC 11 100-16670-3284**

you. EX-115 REC 11 100-106670-3376

All of us human, all cut from the same basic cloth, I find this urgent suggestion not unreasonable and I therefore enlist the aid of our Illinois Senators, to whom I send a copy of this letter, in the further urging of such an effort on your part.

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Very truly yours

51 MAY - 1 1968

CORRESPONDENCE

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April 25, 1968

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Middletown, New Jersey 07748

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Dear [REDACTED]

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Your letter of April 20th has been received and I
certainly appreciate your favorable comments concerning the
work of this Bureau.

In response to your request for data concerning any
communist activities or affiliations of Martin Luther King, infor-
mation of this nature, whether substantiated or not, cannot be
released because of the Department of Justice order regarding
all matters of a confidential nature. I am sorry I cannot be of
assistance in this instance.

I made the statement that he was the most notorious
liar in the country at a press conference on November 18, 1964.
I did so because he had grossly distorted the facts concerning our
Special Agents handling civil rights investigations in the South.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Middletown N.J.
April 20, 1968 07742

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Since the death of Dr. Martin Luther King there have been many discussions among the citizens in this area concerning Dr. King's past activities. Even though he won the Peace Award it runs in my mind that he leaned toward the Communist Party Line (or it appeared so) in his early career. I can also recall that your Director Edgar Hoover publically stated a few years ago that Mr. King was a "Liar."

Incidentally I am a great fan of Mr. Hoovers and if he made such a statement there must have been some basis for his feelings.

Few citizens realize the number of hidden enemies we have who are trying to undermine our country, many are being led by well trained professionals, trained in other countries.

I would appreciate knowing where to secure some information regarding Dr. Martin Luther King's past activities.

Although few people take the time to say it, many have great respect for the F.B.I. We are fortunate to have such an organization in this country. Keep up your wonderful work.

Sincerely

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Middletown N.J.
April 20, 1968

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D.C.

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April 22, 1968

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T. DeLoach

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17112

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of April 17th, with enclosure, has been received and I can certainly understand the concern which prompted you to write.

In response to your inquiries, although I would like to be of assistance, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Further, it is contrary to my long-standing policy to comment on material not prepared by personnel of this Bureau. I regret I am unable to comment as you desire.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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April 17, 1968

Mr. J. E. Hoover

Dear Sir

Enclosed is a clipping I took from our local paper, would you please read it and appraise it for what its worth, then if there is any truth in it at all, maybe you can tell me why the many American people feel that a great man has been murdered and why the state of Pennsylvania wants to make his birthday a legal holiday and schools are being named for him, streets, Hospitals etc. Why ? name one good and just, thing M. L. King ever done on his own. I think the American people have lost their sense of good thinking. Maybe King was OK. so what! many good men are being killed in Vietnam, will the Americans make a big fuss over them. I think the U. S. A. has become a big marshmallow, I love our country, but can't understand the thing that go on in it.

Sincerely yours

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[REDACTED] Harrisburg, Pa 17112

Ack
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April 17, 1968

Mr. J. E. Hoover

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Near Sir

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ACT 587. M-4-2-68

Harrisburg, Pa 17112

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An Anti-King GI Who Resents Press Eulogies

Editor:

THIS LETTER is directed to the editors who wrote the recent eulogy on Martin Luther King and the April 10 editorial entitled, "Dr. King's Vision will Endure."

I know my letter will never

get into print, as you would prefer to keep the truth from reaching out and discoloring the demonstrations and public displays exhibited these past few days in honor of Martin Luther King, including services led by the Governor of this State.

I have just returned wounded from combat in Vietnam, and believe me, I am shocked by a country that has gone mad!

Before I joined the Army and later volunteered for duty in Vietnam, how well I recall the Communist influence on the civil rights movement and how J. Edgar Hoover called King the most notorious liar in the country. King's continuous associations with Communists and Communist fronts were well known. Furthermore, King's publicly announced program for America was the unadulterated Communist program. He always associated with and consistently supported the most violent of black militants. Everywhere he went he left a trail of agitation and incitation. Yet the papers, including yours, advertise King as a non-violent moderate. He pretended to be reasonable and peace-loving, but made demands and threats if they were not met, stating that his moderate influence would be lost and militants would take over and cause violence. At the same time King supported the militants in their demands, which were exactly the same as his own. We call this blackmail!

Former President Truman considered King a troublemaker and called him a rabble-rouser. Mrs. Julia

Brown, a Negro, who was a counterspy for the FBI, described King as an enemy of the colored race and Manning Johnson, a Negro and one-time official in the Communist party, testified that King has done the Negroes considerable harm.

So this is the man you would treat as a hero. Try telling those buddies of mine, both black and white, who are lying in hospitals sightless and maimed, and those rotting in POW camps — they just don't see it the way your paper tells it — they see it for what it really is — all of this so-called non-violence is as phony as the war we were not allowed to win.

—Just A G.I.
from Camp Hill.

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 4/17/68

The attached communication reveals that Coretta King, wife of the late Martin Luther King, Jr., President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, was conferring with the long-time secret Communist Party member, Stanley Levison, for advice as did her husband. It would appear that Levison is counselling her concerning her appearances, writings, and financial matters.

Pertinent portions of the attached will be furnished the White House, Attorney General, and other interested agencies.

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HAD ADVISED ABERNATHY NOT TO GO ON "FACE THE NATION" RIGHT NOW, THAT, HE, LEVISON, BELIEVED ABERNATHY WAS GAMBLING WITH HIS REPUTATION BECAUSE IF HE "FALLS ON HIS FACE" HE WOULD DO IT BEFORE WHOLE WORLD. SAID THAT ABERNATHY AGREED. LEVISON ADDED THAT AS FAR AS ABERNATHY IS CONCERNED, IT WOULD BE BEST TO PUT OFF ANY APPEARANCE UNTIL JUST BEFORE WASHINGTON CAMPAIGN (POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN) AND THAT ABERNATHY ACKNOWLEDGED HE NEEDS TO STUDY UPON LEGISLATION AND POLITICAL FACTS. LEVISON REFERRED TO CORETTA KING'S POSSIBLE APPEARANCE AT THE MAJOR MASS ANTI DASH VIETNAM DEMONSTRATION NEW YORK CITY ON APRIL TWENTY SEVEN, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT. SAID HE CHECKED WITH DAVE DELLINGER'S OFFICE AND FEELS IT IS OKAY FOR CORETTA TO APPEAR ON PROGRAM AS WELL AS MOTHER'S MARCH (IN WASHINGTON D.C. IN CONNECTION WITH POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN) AS LONG AS SHE DOES NOTHING ELSE. LEVISON THEN CONFERRED WITH CORETTA KING TELLING HER HE CHECKED WITH DAVE DELLINGER'S OFFICE AND IF CORETTA IS INCLINED TO PARTICIPATE THEY SHOULD BE PROMPTLY ADVISED FOR PUBLICITY PURPOSES. HE EMPHASIZED SHE SHOULD NOT DO OTHER THINGS. CORETTA NOTED THAT PEOPLE HAVE GIVEN HER A MANDATE *8*
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AND SHE MUST REMAIN IN PICTURE. LEVISON COUNSELLED, GRADUALLY AND IN GOOD TASTE. CORETTA ASKED ABOUT REQUEST FOR ARTICLES ABOUT HERSELF. LEVISON SAID AS GENERAL PRINCIPLE PROCEEDS FROM ANY ARTICLES SHOULD GO TO HER. LEVISON MENTIONED THAT A PUBLISHING FIRM, GROSSET AND DUNLAP, IS COMING OUT WITH UNAUTHORIZED PUBLICATION ON KING. SAID HARPER AND ROWE ARE WILLING TO HAVE LAWYERS PREPARE INJUNCTION AND NEED TELEGRAM FROM CORETTA TO PROCEED. LEVISON READ TELEGRAM FOR HER SIGNATURE AND CORETTA AGREED TO HAVE TELEGRAM SENT. CORETTA DISCUSSED REQUESTS SHE HAD FOR APPEARANCES AND LEVISON COUNSELLED SHE WOULD HAVE MANY REQUESTS BUT WOULD HAVE TO BE SELECTIVE AND TURN SOME DOWN. LEVISON SAID SHE SHOULD ADOPT POSITION THAT FOR THE PRESENT SHE FEELS THAT ACTIVITY IN KING'S BEHALF HAS TO BE TOWARD HIS MEMORIAL AND THAT IT WOULD NOT SERVE ANYONE IF HER NAME IS USED BY EVERYONE. LEVISON SAID THIS SAYS CORETTA IS USING HER NAME IN THE AREA SHE KNOWS WOULD BE CLOSEST TO KING, HIS FAMILY AND HIS ORGANIZATION. FINALLY, LEVISON *S*
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ASKED IF SHE WANTED HIM TO CALL DELLINGER. CORETTA SAID
LEVISON SHOULD CALL AND SAY HER EXPOSURE THERE MUST BE LIMITED
AND PROTECTED BECAUSE SHE IS ONLY DOING THINGS SHE FEELS
STRONGLY ABOUT, RELATED TO WORK OF KING.

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mc/s
April 10, 1968

Mr. Lyndon Baines Johnson, President
United States of America
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

The enclosed clipping from the Nashville Banner is the most realistic statement I have read on the Martin Luther King debacle. The only point that I would add is that political expediency is, and has been, the real source of this problem and the many other problems that this once proud nation now faces.

It has been previously indicated by Mr. J. Edgar Hoover that Martin Luther King was involved in communistic activities, and I do not believe that Mr. Hoover could implicate anyone without good justification.

As our President I feel that you have a real responsibility to let the people know the full story on Martin Luther King; and the Federal Bureau of Investigation would appear to be the best source of information. Luther proved or disproved his allegiance to this country and the people he supposedly represented.

Respectfully,

cc to Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosure

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Forum of the People

Tragedy, Yes, But Some Questions, Mr. President

To the Editor of The Banner:

The preponderant majority of Americans—law-abiding, right-thinking citizens of every creed and color—deplore the cowardly, brutal murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., in Memphis.

I am one of that majority. And my sympathy goes out to his widow and his young children, to his kinsmen and close friends, in their time of deepest sorrow and heartache.

I respect the right of my fellow citizens, including politicians, to eulogize the dead.

But I reserve the right not to be a party to such eulogies.

And I resent the proclamation by the President of the United States, Lyndon B. Johnson, declaring a "National Day of Mourning," and ordering the Flags of my country lowered to half-staff in homage to this man, Dr. Martin Luther King.

For it is an undeniable fact that Dr. King was an extremely controversial figure on the American scene. In the public domain, his tactics and his political preachers were questioned, if not wholly disapproved, by as many Americans as applauded them.

He professed "non-violence," but at the same time, he advocated law-breaking—flagrant violations of "unjust" laws. (Anti-riot laws are deemed "unjust" by rioters . . .)

True, he preached "non-violence." But lawlessness and bloodshed, more frequently than calm, followed in his wake. This is a fact, a fact apparently recognized by highly respected members of his own race, including United States Senator Edward Brooke, who urged Dr. King to call off, or at least tone down, his "poor peoples march" on Washington, lest he create an atmosphere of violence in our nation's Capital.

If Martin Luther King possessed some extraordinary power as a teacher and leader of "non-violence," did he fail to demonstrate such power? Did he instill or inspire such lofty ideals in the majority of "his own people?" Witness Memphis before his murder. Witness America today!

But Martin Luther King had a "dream," a noble dream, 'tis said. He would re-write the Lord's parable of the ten talents—Matthew 25:14. He visioned some man-made "equality" or utopia. But his dream was neither original nor new; Karl Marx had such a dream, and there were others . . . And President Johnson eulogized King's dream!

In respect to law, surely he did possess some awesome power over America's officialdom. For Dr. King commanded, and received, certain unique dispensations from government authorities who administer our laws. Was such immunity granted in deference to his "non-violence" slogan? Stokely Carmichael, whose record has been well publicized, seems to share the same mantle of immunity to government action. Were there no specific laws against their actions?

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ENCLOSURE

—General Edwin Walker, who advocated peaceful protest in Oxford, Miss., was arrested! Slapped into Federal confinement! And placed under \$100,000 bond!

—John Kasper was arrested in Nashville, sentenced, and served 26 months—13 of those months in Federal prison — on charges of "incitement" and "contempt," on evidence that pales beside the actions and outbursts of Carmichael and, yes, Martin Luther King.

Stokely Carmichael and Dr. King have been allowed to flaunt their defiance and "immunity" across the length and breadth of this great land of ours.

—Martin Luther King, Jr., was he some kind of saint? Some kind of hallowed American? I, for one, protest such designations! And I would protest, if for no other reasons than: His association with, and his participation in, anti-war, anti-American demonstrations which were, to say the least, far "beyond the pale."

Although I, personally, respect the right of an American citizen to dissent, Dr. King's assertion that "Our plan is to disrupt . . ." and his prominent role in disruptive demonstrations—replete with draft card burners, American Flag burners, and Viet Cong flag wavers—was, in the eyes of many, many patriotic Americans, a sickening and vicious stab-in-the-back to American sons who are fighting the Communist enemy in Vietnam.

Yet the Commander-in-Chief of those fighting, and dying, sons of Americans, sees fit to eulogize such a "leader" as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., to order lowered Flags, to proclaim a day of mourning.

I mourn this day, Mr. President . . . I mourn for my country.

JACK KNOX.

Nashville, Tenn.

MR. W. C. SULLIVAN

April 11, 1968

MR. G. C. MOORE

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

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PURPOSE:

Attached for your approval for dissemination are copies of a communication concerning a conference that was held speculating as to the future of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) since the death of its president, Martin Luther King, Jr. ✓

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS:

Recently, Stanley Levison, long-time secret Communist Party member and principal advisor to the late Martin Luther King, Jr., was in conference with his wife concerning the future of SCLC, according to [REDACTED] b(2). These two agreed there was no one who could take the place b(7)(D) of King but that King had more or less named Ralph Abernathy as his heir. Levison added that he would like to see Andrew Young, the current Executive Vice President of SCLC, take King's place. ✓

At this meeting, it was also learned that the Field Foundation was going to give SCLC \$300,000 but Mr. Levison added it would take a million dollars to keep the organization going. The Field Foundation was established in 1940 by Marshall Field, the retail tycoon of Chicago, Illinois. One of its objectives is to promote interracial harmony. ✓

Enclosure

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- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
- 1 - Mr. D. M. Wells
- ① - 100-106670 (Martin Luther King, Jr.)
- 1 - 157-8428 (Poor People's Campaign)
- 1 - 100-438794 (SCLC)

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Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan
RE: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION; SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Later they discussed the "Poor People's Campaign" scheduled for April, 1968, in Washington, D. C. Mr. Levison commented that it is unlikely that this campaign will transpire, especially in view of the recent rioting. *(S)*

RECOMMENDATION:

That copies of enclosures be forwarded to Mrs. Mildred Stegall at the White House; Mr. William Welsh, Administrative Assistant to the Vice President; Secretaries of Commerce, Labor, Agriculture, Defense; Secret Service; Attorney General; Deputy Attorney General; Assistant Attorneys General Pollak, Yeagley, Vinson; Inter-Division Information Unit; General Services Administration; United States Information Agency; Departments of the Army, Navy, and Air Force. *(U)*

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1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
- April 12, 1968
1 - Mr. D. M. Wells

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The following information has been supplied by confidential sources of this Bureau who have furnished reliable information in the past. Recently, Stanley Levison, principal advisor to the late Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, was in conference with a close associate concerning the future of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. It was agreed that no one could take the place of King but that King had more or less named Ralph Abernathy, Vice President and Treasurer of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, as his heir. Levison added that he would like to see the Southern Christian Leadership Conference's current Executive Vice President, Andrew Young, take King's place. *✓*

At this meeting it was also learned that the Field Foundation had contacted the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and advised that they were granting this civil rights organization approximately \$300,000. Levison added it would take a million dollars to keep the Southern Christian Leadership Conference going. The Field Foundation was established in 1940 by Marshall Field, the retail tycoon of Chicago, Illinois. One of its objectives is to promote interracial harmony. *✓*

XEROX COPIES TO MRS. MILDRED STEGALL AT THE WHITE HOUSE; MR. WILLIE WELSH; SECRETARIES OF COMMERCE, LABOR, AGRICULTURE, DEFENSE; SECRET SERVICE; AG; DAG; AGS POLLAK, YEAGLEY, AND VINSON; INTER-DIVISION INFO UNIT; GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION; UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY; ARMY; NAVY; & AIR FORCE.

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Later these two discussed the "Poor People's Campaign" scheduled for April, 1968, in Washington, D. C., which King was to lead in an effort to pressure Congress into passing legislation favorable to the Negro. Levison commented that it is unlikely that this campaign will transpire, especially in view of the rioting. ~~S~~

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See memorandum G. C. Moore to W. C. Sullivan, dated 4/11/68, captioned as above, prepared by DSW:ekw. U

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Albuquerque, New Mexico 87107

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of April 9th has been received, and it was certainly thoughtful of you to write and comment as you did. It is always a source of encouragement to receive communications such as yours, and you may be sure my associates appreciate, as I do, your most generous remarks and kind sentiments.

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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APRIL 9, '68

Mr. J. EDGAR HOOVER
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D.C.

DEAR MR. HOOVER,

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DURING THE LAST FEW DAYS I HAVE BEEN WATCHING THE TV, AND WHAT I HAVE SEEN
SICKENS AND SADDENS BE BEYOND DESCRIPTION. THE NEWSCASTS HAVE HAD A GREAT DEAL
OF COVERAGE CONCERNING THE MARTIN LUTHER KING INCIDENT. INBETWEEN COVERAGE OF
THE ASSASSINATION AND THE WAR IN VIET NAM I SEE VERY LITTLE ELSE WITH THE EX-
CEPTION OF RACE RISING ON THE HOME FRONT. WHILE WATCHING ONE OF THESE PRO-
GRAMS AT THE HOUSE OF FRIENDS THE QUESTION WAS BROUGHT UP ASKING WHAT THE FBI
IS DOING THESE DAYS. IT SEEKS THAT EVERYONE IS THE SUBJECT OF CRITICISM IN
THESE TROUBLED TIMES, AND YOLP ORGANIZATION COME IN FOR ITS SHARE ON THAT
PARTICULAR EVENING. WHILE THIS CRITICISM ANGERED ME IT ALSO STIMULATED SOME
HARD THINKING. DURING THIS PERIOD OF THOUGHT THAT IT OCCURRED TO ME THAT THE
FBI SEEDED TO BE OFTEN CRITICIZED UNJUSTLY AND PRAISED VERY SELDOM OF LATE.
THE WHOLE PURPOSE OF THIS LETTER, I SUPPOSE, IS SIMPLY TO OFFER A LITTLE
ENCOURAGEMENT AND PRAISE FOR A JOB WELL DONE.

THE LAST TWELVE YEARS HAVE GIVEN ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET AND KNOW TO
KNOW SEVERAL OF THE AGENTS. NAMES THAT COME TO MIND ARE HENRY DAVEY, JOE
JACSON, AND A T THOMPSON OF THE JOPLIN OFFICE, SCOTT ERNEST OF THE DENVER
OFFICE, AND TWO FINE AGENTS OUT OF THE PUEBLO, COLORADO OFFICE (THEIR NAMES 16 APR 25 1968
AT THE MOMENT I CAN'T RECALL). THERE ARE OTHERS OF THE YAKIMA AND SEATTLE,
WASHINGTON OFFICES THAT I BECAME AQUAINTED WITH. I HAVE TO HONESTLY SAY, THAT

REIL. WILSON 4/9/68

CONFIDENCE
CORRESPONDENCE

THE CHURCH OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

EXP. PROG.

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ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

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TO THE MAN, THAT THEY WERE A FINE OF BUNCH OF MEN, AS YOU WOULD EVER WANT TO KNOW OR WORK WITH. THEY DID THEIR BEST TO UPHOLD THE TRADITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE BUREAU BOTH ON AND OFF DUTY. AS POLICE OFFICERS THEY WERE CERTAINLY WITHOUT FEAR, AND I KNOW THIS TO BE TRUE, BECAUSE I WAS A AN OFFICER FOR OVER ELEVEN YEARS MYSELF. I SPEAK FROM EXPERIENCE WHEN I SAY THAT THEY WERE MEN THAT YOU COULD STAKE YOUR LIFE UPON.

I AM ALSO ASSURED THAT WHAT EVER THE TASK THAT THE BUREAU WILL ALWAYS BEING DOING ITS VERY BEST. ACCORDING TO MY KNOWLEDGE OF THE BUREAU ITS' BEST IS QUITE A BIT. I HOPE THAT IN THE FUTURE THE BUREAU WILL HOLD FAST TO THE PRINCIPLES THAT YOU HAVE BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN SETTING BEFORE IT.

THE ONLY OTHER JOB THAT I WOULD HAVE BESIDES THAT OF THE MINISTRY IS THAT OF AN FBI AGENT. IF IT WERE POSSIBLE I WOULD GIVE ALMOST ANYTHING TO BE A MEMBER OF YOUR ORGANIZATION. I SUPPOSE THIS CAN NEVER BE SINCE MY EDUCATION IS THAT OF A MINISTER INSTEAD OF A LAWYER, BUT I STILL THINK IT IS A GOOD THOUGHT.

I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT THE FBI IS HELD IN MY HIGHEST ESTEEM, AND I REMEMBER YOU AND YOUR WORK CONSTANTLY IN MY PRAYERS. GOD BLESS YOU.

IN THE SERVICE OF GOD AND COUNTRY.

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Albuquerque, New Mexico

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Honorable Howard W. Robison
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

My dear Congressman:

Your communication of April 17th, with enclosure,
has been received.

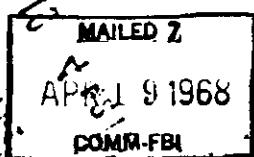
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as to whether or not Martin Luther King was associated with
un-American groups, information of this nature, whether sub-
stantiated or not, cannot be released because of a Department
of Justice order regarding all matters of a confidential matter.
I am sorry I cannot be of assistance to you in this instance.

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Your enclosure is being returned as requested.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



Enclosure

NOTE: Bufiles reflect prior cordial correspondence with
Congressman Robison. Our files show no record identifiable
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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D.C.

April 17, 1968

Congressional Liaison
FBI

Sir:

The attached communication
is sent for your consideration.
Please investigate the statements
contained therein and forward me
the necessary information for re-
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spondence with your answer.

Yours truly,

Howard R. Johnson

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[REDACTED] Endicott, N.Y.

April 9, 1968

The Honorable Howard Robinson
United States House Of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

W.H.

Dear Sir:

Recently an article appeared in the Binghamton Press, by the columnists Scott & Allen. It stated that the F.B.I. had a folder on the late Mr. Luther King. It also stated that the administration was sitting on it, and wouldn't permit its release to the public. It inferred that Mr. King was unamerican.

The death of a human is always an unhappy occasion, and even more so when it is taken by cold blooded murder.

However, I must have clarification as to Mr. Kings true character. I would appreciate your answers to the following:

I. Does the F.B.I. have information, that links the late Mr. King with unamerican groups? *QJ*

II If the above is true, has the administration suppressed this information?

Very truly yours

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Endicott, N.Y.

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FROM THE OFFICE OF
Howard W. Robinson
MEMBER OF CONGRESS
33rd DISTRICT, NEW YORK

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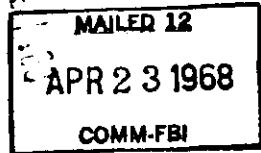
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[REDACTED]
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of April 16th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, at a press conference on November 16, 1964, I made the statement that Martin Luther King was the most notorious liar in the country. I did so because he had grossly distorted the facts concerning our Special Agents handling civil rights investigations in the South.



Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles reflect prior cordial correspondence with [REDACTED] last outgoing 2-23-68 with respect to his inquiry concerning Charles A. Wells, the editor and publisher of "The World Newsletter" [REDACTED] He was advised of the confidential nature of our files. Bill Beckham is not identifiable in our files.

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LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO 88001

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

A lot of irresponsible comments are being made these days and attributed to important persons. I should like to hear from you as soon as possible concerning the following statement which was attributed to you. The main thing I am concerned with is the thing you actually said:

"the fact that this was the same Martin Luther King, who J. Edgar Hoover--one of America's greatest patriots--once publically called 'a notorious liar' ..."

This is by the editor, Bill ~~Beckham~~, Wink Bulletin, Wink, Texas;
April 11, 1968.

Sincerely,

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April 23, 1968

EX 110

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J. E. H.
D. Goodale

Long Beach, California 90810

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of April 17th has been received and I appreciate the interest which prompted you to write and furnish me your comments on the matters you mentioned.

You may be sure that the investigation of the slaying of Martin Luther King is being conducted in a most thorough and expeditious manner.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. Tavel
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Pres. of the F.B.I. Dept. U.S.A.

Dear Sir and coworkers:

I take this time ~~out~~ to write you concerning the death of Dr. Martin L. King. I am a negro woman, with a Christian heart for all people, in the world. One's skin does not answer for one's heart. We are people of one blood which is that of Jesus Christ. That is why God said all men are created free and equal.

Now Dr. King is gone, and he left by the bullet of a man that is a maniac, and a brute. In my opinion, he was called to Memphis, to kill Dr. King. Mr. Hoover, the whole world is watching that act. I will say if that had been a negro, out stealing, well, and hearty lives of people, you woul have given your men orders to find him dead or alive. You know Mr. Hoover, not any person in this world ever committed a crime and got away with it.

Now you talk of communism in other countries. It is right here in the United States. I do hope and pray that this nation will not become a divided nation. You need us and we need you. We should be able to live as brothers and sisters on Gods earth, because hatred, malacy, and jealousy, is not pleasing in the sight of God, and this is what exists in America. Now Mr. Hoover everybody knows the man that killed Dr. Martin L. King is not hidden. No one has ever gotten lost in the United States. The Negro made America, and yet he has no place to lay his head. Our boys, fighting in Vietnam and here at home they cannot live as brothers in love and harmony without being bothered and humiliated. Mr. Hoover, the man that killed Pres. Kennedy, is in my opinion, the same man that killed Dr. King. This is in the minds of all well thinking respectable human beings.

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Negro and Caucasians. All evidence in both cases prove the same. The man that pulled the trigger at Dr. King went through the same procedure to commit the crime of Pres. Kennedy. So we cannot be fooled at this inhuman act of injustice.

Now Mr. Hoover, this man should not be allowed to be in society. The Negroes have never had no one to tell his troubles, or has had since this country has been a nation, to give him justice. This same man will kill you if he is encouraged to do so. A person of that sort you know he should not be allowed to be in society. But he must be encouraged to do this. I want to point this out to you. Also a question, do you ever make a check of finger prints? If not it is wise to do so, because papers keep giving different stories about this killing. Now Mr. Hoover the Negro have never had anyone to protect him in a land that he built. The whole world is looking and watching you and your men out in the field, and you in your office, there in Washington. Greatest God is watching you. I hate to see and hear of so much rioting, and burning which is put on the Negro, but I want you to remember that the white man is deeper in the riots, and so forth than the negro because the Negro has hardly nothing to do with it. ~~I mean to set fires~~ I mean to set fires and start riots.

You say "white" man, but God did not make anyone in this world white, but he did make some black people, and I'm one of the ones he made black. Mr. Hoover you can remember the Watts riot in July 1965. Well I told Mr. Sheriff Parker that was going to happen two years before it happened, and it did happen, so I will tell you before this nation is going to become divided if some action is not taken in this case. A man of this sort should be captured and not be allowed to go loose in society.

You may publish this letter if you please, but don't forget this is a great nation and if one speaks out he is murdered because of the truth. The F.E.I. can't find the killer, so they say.

Yours in Christ

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Long Beach, Calif. 90310

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Klamath Falls, Oregon 97601

b7(c) Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of April 16th, with enclosure, has been received and I want to thank you for your kind comments concerning my book, "A Study of Communism."

I regret that I cannot respond in the manner you desire regarding the book you mentioned since it is contrary to my long-standing policy to comment on publications not prepared by personnel of this Bureau. You may also wish to know that information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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KLAMATH FALLS, OREGON

97601
April 16, 1968

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

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The enclosed letter was printed in our local paper yesterday. It's appearance encouraged me to write you, for I wish to find out something.

First let me say that I've long been an admirer of yours, for the stand you've taken against crime and corruption in this country. Because I'm a member of the Bible Baptist Church here in Klamath Falls, I have been especially interested in your comments about the value of the Sunday School.

I'm writing to ask your opinion of a book a friend gave me entitled: THE MARTIN LUTHER KING STORY, by Dr. James Bales. Perhaps you've heard of his book. I paid no attention to the book until King's assassination, then started to read it. The information he reveals is far different than what our newspapers and magazines have said about this man. I had heard he was either a communist or else associated with communists. Bales wrote his book from second hand information, quoting many other writers, including you. The average person doesn't have access to the source material the author quotes from, or doesn't have the time to look into the matter, or the opportunity to investigate personally this man's life. If indeed what he says is true about King, then we either have a controlled press, or else there are a lot of ignorant people in this country.

It occurred to me someone in a position such as yours should make known the facts about this person, someone whom the public looks up to and respects. It is possible the F.B.I. is not allowed to reveal certain facts from their files.

I'm not colored, nor do I hold anything against the colored people. I do believe that everyone, whether black or white, should know the facts about this man, and are entitled to.

By the way, I enjoyed reading your book, A STUDY OF COMMUNISM, which I read last year.

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Sincerely yours,

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Douglas, N.Y. 11362

April 15, 1968

Dear Mr. Shriver, Martin Luther KING

You once had some unpleasant things to say about Martin Luther King, which I agreed with then and still do.

The recent displays for him were overdone but in some quarters may be had to be so to avoid worse trouble.

If you can, at this time, give me any information that will offset the liberal-left view, I would greatly appreciate it.

Thank you and keep up your
good work. I think you are
the greatest man in our government
today. God be with you!

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Yours truly,

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The recent displays for him were over done but in some quarters maybe had to be so to avoid worse trouble.

I you can, at this time, give me any information that will offset the liberal - left view, I would greatly appreciate it.

Thank you and keep up your good work. I think you are the greatest man in our government today. God be with you!

Yours truly,

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Mentor, Ohio 44060

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Dear [REDACTED]

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Your letter of April 9th, with enclosure indicating the concurrence of your friends in your communication, has been received, and I want to thank you for the kind sentiments and generous comments concerning my administration of the FBI.

While I certainly appreciate the concern which prompted you to write, I have never made any statements to the effect that Martin Luther King was a communist. Information of this nature, whether substantiated or not, could not be released under provisions of an order issued by the Department of Justice pertaining to all matters of a confidential nature.

I want to assure you that we in the FBI will continue to discharge our responsibilities in the internal security field with the same high degree of thoroughness and dispatch which have characterized our investigations in the past.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. Tolson
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

This is a letter I have been intending to write for a long time. The events of the past week make it imperative. First, may I thank you with deepest sincerity, for your integrity, service and the excellent use you make of your talents. My respect and admiration for you and the job you have done is unparalleled for any other government official.

My concern is for our wonderful country. WHAT is happening to our government? Declaring we are to have our flags at half-mast until after Dr. King's funeral, and that the nation is to be in mourning! That will be the day when I put the American flag at half-mast for a known Communist!! It had always been my impression that this was an honor reserved for presidents, vice presidents, former presidents and national heroes. Dr. King's murder was terrible and against all the principles of our nation; but to make anyone a hero and martyr who caused that much trouble and strife wherever he went, seems definitely out of line our government must be running scared. Granted, he won the Nobel Peace Prize, and respect is due for that, but time changes everything, and it certainly changed him.

I am a firm believer in Equal Rights - Within the Law. People seem to have forgotten that you called King a communist and if he wasn't an out and out communist, he certainly acted deep pink! Now all these riots, burning and looting - these people should be dealt with quickly and severely -- no matter what color. It is no one's privilege to act outside the law and destroy in minutes what others have worked a lifetime to build. Freedom is dear to us and must not be sacrificed on the altar of the selfish few who refuse to honor and live up to its responsibilities.

It seems that our whole government must be lined with either red or yellow - and either way that is BAD. Why is everyone so afraid? If this lawlessness is allowed to continue, bloodshed, grief, and loss will be rampant. Normally responsible, lawabiding people will feel forced to take the law in their own hands, and make judgements - this will be worse!

My husband owns a small lumber business and I am a secretary. We are average Americans, in our fifties, and have six married children - one son in Viet Nam.

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PLEASE use your influence toward getting our officials' reasoning back to our Constitution, Bill of Rights and upholding the law. It's the only way our country can survive.

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cc: Rep. Wm. J. Stanton

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b7(c) May God Be With You APR 15 1968

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Ref: Letter dated 4/9/68 to J. Edgar Hoover from [REDACTED]

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Listed below are friends and associates who concur in these beliefs:

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April 18, 1968

[REDACTED]
St. Louis, Missouri 63121

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of April 12th has been received.

In response to your inquiry as to whether or not Martin Luther King was a communist, information of this nature, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of a Department of Justice order regarding all matters of a confidential nature.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

One of our parishioners has stated that your office could attest that Martin Luther King, Jr. is a communist. I cannot conceive of this being even remotely true. I imagine the person has secured his information from a right-wing reactionary group which is so sure of itself that it believes your office can certify the fact.

I am writing for word from you which either supports or contradicts the charge.

Very truly yours,

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Yours

Big Law man Hoover, dont wast to mu tellent of the shooter. Will P. will be fined \$10. for Shoo ug A Koon out of hunting Date, and above all you need not set any of your real Law-Man to the south thay might get &&&&& thimself

WHAT IS MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.?

Dr. King, the most famous American lawbreaker, developed a curious attitude toward the law. "An unjust law is no law at all," he repeated over and over again. He claimed the privilege of being a judge in his own cause. When his views were upheld by the courts it was the duty of all Americans to obey them. But when judges showed themselves to disagree with him it was the duty of all Americans to exercise mass disobedience. Once he even argued that more convicted Negro rapists should go free, because many alleged White rapists were acquitted.

In 1961 the Tax auditor of Alabama pointed out that Dr. King listed his 1956 income as \$9,150, whereas, he had made bank deposits in his name that year of \$16,182.42. When confronted with the evidence, Dr. King cheerfully paid the additional \$318.81 in assessed taxes.

In 1960 Dr. King hired Hunter Pitts O'Dell as his secretary. O'Dell had been cited as a communist as late as 1958. At one time, state anti-subversive agents in New Orleans found his rooms full of the plans, maps, and specifications to Communize the whole south. It is well known that Dr. King and others have been very active in the campaign to abolish the House Committee on Un-American activities. The Committee's two-volume study, "Structures and Organization of the Communist Party of the United States," on page 576 in the list of those elected to the National Committee of the Communist Party in the U.S.A., as known to HCUA in November 1961 was none other than Hunter Pitts O'Dell.

The Chairman of the cited Communist front, The National Committee to Abolish HUAC(whatever HUAC is), is Dr. Kings friend from Highlander days, Aubrey Williams, of the Southern Conference Education Fund.

As Dr. Kings's prominence in the American Negro movement rose, so did his prominence in the American Committee for Africa. This Committee--Dr. Kings Committee--sponsored and financed the American tour of Holden Roberto, the Angolan exile who lived his whole life in the Congo. On the morning of March 15, 1961, Roberto roared into Angola putting whites and natives alike to the stake and the buzz saw. He cheerfully explained to Le Monde that he chose terror as a weapon. For terror is even more impressive than non-violence.

On October 14, 1962 Dr. King turned up in a Harlem hotel suite with Ben Bella, the communist bank bandit who also uses terror as a weapon. The Algerian terrorists won the admiration of their people by chopping off the noses of a dozen reluctant citizens a day. Dr. King hesitated not to stick his nose into the great Socialist Revolution; and he and Ben Bella issued a statement that the two injustices of colonialism and American segregation were "linked."

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Mr. Bayard Rustin was Dr. Kings's Secretary upon formation of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. At 43 Mr. Rustin was an experienced sex pervert. In 1936 he was a member of the Young Communist league. He later quit the Young Communist League, and quit the selective service law. He also quit the non-violent work that the conscientious OBJECTOR PERFORMED AS their duty. Instead he served twenty-eight months in FEDERAL PRISONS - IN 1957 MR. RUSTIN WAS CHOSEN BY THE COMMUNIST Party to be a non-Communist impartial observer at the February 1957 CPUSA Convention. Bayard Rustin Nominally left SCLC in 1960, but showed up again to lead the March on Washington, after which in addressing a group including Norman Thomas, Dr. King, A. Philip Randolph and others he said "The American Negro must go Left."

KEEP ENVELOPE ATTACHED

Mr. Tolson
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Mohr
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MARTIN LUTHER KING... AT COMMUNIST TRAINING SCHOOL

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The above Picture was made by an employee of the State of Georgia at the gighlander Folk School in Moteegle, Tennessee during the Labor Day Week-end of 1957. The Photographer was sent to the highlander Folk School by the Georgia Commission on Education. The Highlander Folk School was abolished by an act of the Legislature of the State of Tennessee at a later date because it was charged with being a subversive organization.

These numbered in the picture are;

1. Martin Luther King, JR., of the monigernery boycott and the Birmingham riots.
2. Abner W. Berry of the Central Committee of the Communist Party.
3. Aubrey Williams, President of the Southern Conference Education fund Inc., The Transmission Belt in the South for the Communist Party.
4. Myles Horton, Director of Highlander Folk School for Communist Training, Montcegle, Tennessee.

The "Four Horsemen" of racial agitation have brought tension, disturbance, Strife, and violence in their advancement of the Communist doctrine of "racial;nationclism."

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~~THE MORRIS TRUTH COMMITTEE~~

April 23, 1968

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[REDACTED]
Little Rock, Arkansas 72205

Dear [REDACTED]

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Your letter of April 16th, with enclosure, has
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I appreciate the interest which prompted you to
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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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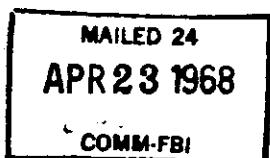
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Little Rock, Ark
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The Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
F. B. I. Director,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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I trust that you viewed the Martin Luther King's funeral through its entirety, as I did, I sensed a feeling that he deliberately walked out in face of the assassin to die as a Martyr for the Communist cause, in viewing the many incidents I believe He made all the arrangements and preached his own funeral. The fact that the news media announced that 6 communist countries mourned his death was evident that he was a communist. I believe he felt to die as a "so called" Martyr that the communistic Civil Rights housing Bill would pass, plus the donations for a big memorial to be erected in his honor plus donations for his children's scholarships and etc. I wonder how much insurance he left to his communistic cause. The Plot was so well arranged that I doubt the assassin ever being caught. I believe to search all his files plus Abernathy and other "so called" top aids would reveal the truth that our country needs to know. Even some Catholic's are praying to him as St. Martin Luther King. I wonder what America is headed for? 3363

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Sincerely,

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/s/

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little rock, Ark
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Little Rock, A.

4-16-6

The Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
F.B.I. Director,
Washington, D.C.

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This article came in the Examiner
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Suspect in King Killing Vanishes

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Deadend clues to a man who vanished without a trace apparently confronted FBI agents today in their investigation of the sniper slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

False leads multiplied in the hunt for Eric Starvo Galt, a mysterious quiet-talking man whose last known address was a Birmingham rooming house. His former landlord said Monday he had identified drawings shown by FBI agents as resembling Eric Galt.

"It's him," said Peter Cherpes, 72, who runs a two-story Southside boarding house where an Eric Galt lived for six weeks last fall.

Galt's abandoned white Mustang was impounded last Thursday by the FBI in Atlanta. It fit the description of a car seen leaving the scene after King was killed April 4 by a sniper firing from a rooming house in Memphis, Tenn.

Memphis witnesses described the suspected assassin, who registered as John Willard at a rooming house opposite King's motel, as about six feet and sandy-haired and "a clean, neat man."

No trace of Willard has apparently been found.

An FBI alert for Eric Starvo Galt in a white Mustang was issued in Florida last Thursday, but was canceled. However, the FBI has continued a search for Galt's whereabouts or clues to his past.

After Cherpes disclosed what his boarder said of his work and background, Associated Press inquiries turned up blanks.

Is there a real Eric Starvo Galt? The FBI was asked, but declined comment. Neither would the FBI say why Galt was wanted, though the Florida alert had sought only to spot the man, not arrest him. No warrant had been issued then.

The man known as Eric Galt had said he was employed at a Mississippi shipyard, but there was no record of him. He

claimed he held Louisiana driver's license six years ago, but no record was found in the files.

There are mysteries within the mystery: Galt left the Birmingham boarding house last Oct. 7, saying he had a ship job in Mobile, Ala. but in December, he turned in the keys to his safety deposit box at the Birmingham Trust National Bank.

In addition, a duplicate driver's license for Eric Starvo Galt was mailed to the Birmingham address March 1, nearly seven months after he left, and it apparently vanished. The Birmingham post office indicated no forwarding address was left for Galt.

"The papers said he went down March 1 to ask for a duplicate license and he put the same address, which was wrong. He wasn't here," said Cherpes, who recalls Galt as "nice and friendly, quiet."

Cherpes described Galt as about 6 feet, 165-175 pounds with blue eyes and light brown hair, a neat, taciturn man. "If somebody talked to him, he would talk," the landlord recalled.

Galt had a room at the boarding house from Aug. 26 to Oct. 7, 1967, Cherpes said. The rent was \$22.50 a week. "He registered here that he came from Pascagoula, Miss." The boarder said he worked at Ingalls in shipbuilding jobs, Cherpes said. No record of his employment was found, the company office said Monday at Mobile.

"He was here on vacation and he said he was going to stay here about four months," the landlord said. The new boarder usually slept until about 11 a.m., had most of his meals at the rooming house and stayed to himself most of the time.

The second week after he arrived, Galt bought a car, the 1966 white Mustang, paying cash. He needed a driver's license.

"He asked me if I could drive him down to take the test," Cherpes said. "I did." On the license application,

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100-106670-3362

April 17, 1968

[REDACTED]
New Orleans, Louisiana 70119

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Dear Sir:

Your telegram of April 16th has been received. In response to your inquiry, information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: In 1964, an individual advised the Bureau he had conversed with [REDACTED] during which time [REDACTED] made extremely critical and bitter remarks concerning the late President Kennedy. [REDACTED] indicated that as a native of Mississippi, he was unhappy over the integration at the University of Mississippi and he belonged to an organization which need only give an order for a man to be killed. [REDACTED] said that "they" missed Kennedy when he was in New Orleans. Informant got the impression that this group may have planned to assassinate President Kennedy earlier. [REDACTED] was also on the mailing list of the Minutemen organization. For these reasons, it is felt the above reply is appropriate.

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FBI WASHDC

DEAR MR HOOVER I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST YOU RELEASE THE COMMUNIST
AFFILIATION FILE ON MARTIN LUTHER KING SO THE TRUE STORY ON
THIS MAN CAN BE TOLD TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE I FULLY UNDERSTAND
THE ODDS YOU ARE WORKING AGAINST THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE ALWAYS
LOOKED UP TO YOU AND THEY LOOK TO YOU NOW FOR OUR COUNTRY'S
SAKE LET THE PEOPLE KNOW THE TRUE NATURE OF THIS ANTI-AMERICAN
ANTI-CHRISTIAN PERSON

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cc: Mr. Bishop WML

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100-106670-3361

April 15, 1968

Camp Lejeune, North Carolina 28542

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of April 9th has been received and I appreciate the interest which prompted you to write. Although I would like to be of assistance in response to your inquiry, information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice.

Sincerely yours,

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J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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MISS HOLMES ✓
MRS. METCALF ✓
MISS GANDY ✓

April 9, 1968

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I am marking the envelope of this letter Personal in hopes that it will reach your desk. In the past few years from what I have read etc. I have believed that Martin Luther King was a Communist. Since his assassination, all that we have heard on the radio and TV or read in the newspapers has eulogized him ad nauseum (sp!) with not one word of his subversive association and aims. He is being compared with Christ -- What is truth? If your office has proof of his anti American activities please see that it is made available and broadcast to the hundreds of thousands of people who feel as I do. Thank you.

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Sincerely, b7(c)

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Camp Lejeune, N.C. 28542

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April 9, 1968

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I am marking the envelope of this letter PERSONAL in hopes that it will reach your desk. In the past few years from what I have read etc. I have believed that Martin Luther King was a Communist. Since his assassination, all that we have heard on the radios and TV or read in the newspapers has eulogized him ad nauseum (sp.) with not one word of his subversive association and aims. Is it being compared with Cleast. — What is true? If your office has proof of his anti-American activities please see that it is made available and

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Sincerely,

Camp Laramie, N. C.

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April 12, 1968

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[REDACTED]
Brooklyn, New York 11203

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of April 8th has been received.

In response to your inquiries, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I am unable to furnish the data you are seeking.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles indicate one prior outgoing to correspondent dated 4-4-62 furnishing him with reprint material on communism.

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April 8, 1968

Mr. John Edgar Hoover,
Director Federal Bureau
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Dear Sir:

The shocking news of the sudden assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King on April 4, has reverberated around the world.

Our country has been left stunned with mixed emotions and asking themselves why this apostle of peace and non-violence was brutally slain.

There are some who are second-guessing and drawing conclusions without facts or documentary proof.

Ugly rumors such of the following keep cropping up.

1. That the late Dr. King was associated with the black-power representatives H. Rap Brown and Stokely Carmichael.
2. That Dr. King was also associated with the communist party plotting to overthrow the United States government.

Would appreciate your thoughts and answers to the disturbing remarks.

Thanking you for your courtesy, I remain

Very truly yours,

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April 16, 1968

Houston, Texas 77016

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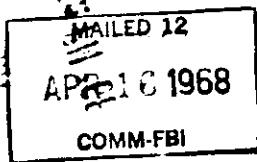
Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of April 10th has been received and I appreciate the interest which prompted you to write. I also want to thank you for your kind comments concerning my work.

In response to your inquiries, information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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Houston, Texas 77016

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April 10, 1968

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The information which I request in this letter is of great importance to me and to the people whom I serve as pastor here in northeast Houston. Caucasians, Latin-Americans, and Negroes reside in our parish area.

What factual information does your Bureau have, if any, connecting the late Dr. Martin Luther King with the Communist Party? Has your Bureau attempted to either confirm or disprove the charges of some individuals and groups that Dr. King did in fact receive training by the Communist Party and was working to further the un-American objectives of the Communist Party in this country?

I need sound facts to use as a basis for counseling my people in the wake of Dr. King's assassination. My goal is to foster understanding and brotherhood between people of all races. You have made it quite clear in your published writings that this is also one of your primary goals. I am convinced that you can be of great help to me by providing me with the true facts.

I would like to respond intelligently to statements and questions that I am hearing. If Dr. King is guilty as some have charged, my people need to know this. If he has been unjustly charged, they need to know this. I am prepared to "tell it like it is" with the facts which you provide.

Thanking you in advance for your kind consideration of my request and complimenting you on your fine efforts on behalf of the Christian faith and true Americanism, I remain

Sincerely, REC

Sincerely, REC-27 100-XXXX-5

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DATE 9/87 BY [signature]

Placentia, California 92670 b7(c)

Dear [redacted]

I have received your letter of April 10th, with enclosure, and appreciate the interest which prompted you to write. I also want to thank you for your kind comments.

In response to your inquiry regarding the person you described, you may be referring to Mrs. Julia Brown who furnished information on subversive activities to the FBI on a confidential basis from 1951 to 1960. Although she was not an employee of this Bureau, she was compensated for her services. In keeping with my long-standing policy, I cannot comment further concerning Mrs. Brown.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record identifiable with ~~correspondent~~. Enclosed self-addressed envelope is being utilized in reply. Our files show that fliers have been distributed around the country advertising Mrs. Julia Brown's speeches to "tell about the frightening secret background of Martin Luther King." Therefore, it appears he is referring to Mrs. Brown.

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Placentia, Calif. 92670
April 10th, 1968

Public Relations Department
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.
(Public Information Section):

Dear Sir:

A couple of years ago, I happened upon a pamphlet or brochure on a schedule of lectures given to the public by a negro woman who worked with Dr. Martin Luther King's organization for a year or two to find out if his organization was all right. The brochure stated she had discovered beyond any doubt that his chosen lieutenants and others close to him were communist agents and others working closely for the cause of the triumph of world communism. She mentioned that she was denied a rightful opportunity to speak to her own people, and that the negro leaders resolutely were determined to try everything to prevent her from presenting the facts she had unearthed so that the negro people could decide for themselves. Is this true? Could you send me some literature and lists of sources (books, articles, etc.) which would define for me once and for all, or definitely, her career as one of the FBI's agents in the Civil Rights movement, and particularly in Dr. King's organization? I want a complete, detailed picture and proof; I want to be completely objective, and I'm not afraid of the whole truth. We must be brave this way, these days. I hope you can send the information or addresses which will have the information by return mail in the stamped, enclosed envelope.

Thanks so much for your efforts. In the past I have so often found that the FBI is so often slandered and smeared for doing a good job; perhaps there are those who have drawn or gathered to themselves high prestige and affluence and influence by "down-grading" you in a multitude of ways. It is simply a fact that one of the prime objectives in the communists' scheme of takeover in any country is an incitement and engineering of lawlessness and hatred and deep-seated reflexive distrust of all law-enforcing agencies, no matter how honest they are, and particularly because they are honest. It's too bad this kind of indoctrination or brain-washing by manipulating ideals and emotions and motives goes on in education today, too; I have taught school for the past 21 years.

Thanks again. I wish you the best in all your honest efforts. Maybe someday someone may give you a "break" along these lines.

Sincerely,

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Date: 4/15/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-18410) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING
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RE: Boston airtel to the Director, 4-10-68

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On 4-15-68, [REDACTED] Remington Arms Company, Inc., Bridgeport, Conn., advised that MARTIN LUTHER KING had never ordered firearms from Remington Arms Company, Inc., or made inquiry concerning firearms.

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According to [REDACTED] Remington Arms Company, Inc., has never received an order for 10,000 shotguns or rifles from any single individual.

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2 - Atlanta (100-5586)
1 - Albany (info) REC 19
1 - New York (info) (100-136585)
1 - Cleveland (info) (157-293)
1 - New Haven
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EX-115

100-106670-3357

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REGISTERED MAILC. C. 4-15-68
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RACIAL INT'L SECT.

Approved: C. C. 4-15-68 Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 4/16/68

Transmit the following in _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)
 FROM: SAC, ALBANY (100-18761) (RUC)
 RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING
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 (OO: Atlanta)

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Re Cleveland airtel 3/29/68, and Boston airtel
 4/10/68.

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On 4/16/68, [REDACTED] Remington Arms, Inc., Ilion, N.Y., advised SA [REDACTED] that all guns sold by his company are manufactured at this plant and shipments of them are made to authorized distributors only. He stated no shipment of guns is made to individuals or to organizations and, therefore, no such shipment would have been directed at any time to Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING.

He noted that a shotgun with an 18" barrel would be the Remington model 870, 12 gauge, which has been known as the riot gun now called the police gun. He stated that in 1966 there were 3,495 of these weapons sold, over 3,000 of which went to the California Highway Patrol and during 1967 only 845 of these were sold all to known distributors.

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APR 29 1968
 SEC. 1
 D. M. T. Walker

Approved: _____ Sent: _____ M Per: _____
 Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *Sp* ~~SECRET~~

FROM : C. D. Brennan *CONFIDENTIAL*

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING

1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. G. C. Moore

DATE: April 17, 1968

1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan
1 - Mr. D. M. Wells
1 - Mr. R. C. Putnam

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Since the assassination of Martin Luther King, we have been closely following the activities of Stanley Levison and leaders of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), to determine what effect this event has had on the efforts of both Levison and the Party to continue to exploit racial problems in this country. *SLT*

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With regard to the reaction of the CPUSA, it is noted that as soon as news of the assassination was announced, the CPUSA moved, as expected, to exploit the situation to its own advantage. A special issue of "The Worker," east coast communist newspaper, was prepared eulogizing King and attacking racism in the U. S. Copies were shipped to each party district for mass distribution.

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Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan
RE: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING

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Information set forth above has been disseminated
to the Department and the military intelligence agencies.

ACTION:

For information. We are closely following this
matter and will keep you advised of pertinent developments.

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April 16, 1968

Brooklyn, New York 11234

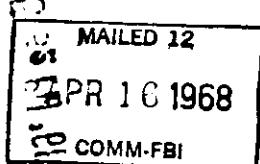
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Dear

Your letter of April 10th has been received and I appreciate the interest which prompted you to write and furnish me your comments concerning the matters you mentioned. I also want to take this opportunity to thank you for your kind sentiments.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



NOTE: Bufiles reflect an outgoing letter to correspondent on 2-9-64 in response to her letter containing favorable remarks concerning the Director's press conference.

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April 10, 1968

Mr. Tolson
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The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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DATE 2-9-81 BY SP4 JAMM

From the depths of horror and nausea I am compelled to offer my condolences to you for what you must be suffering at watching the most massive brainwashing job in the history of the world. This fellow who used religion to cover his "civil disobedience" training for rioting is now being touted as a second Jesus Christ and a Messiah even for those who deny the First Messiah. He stormed the nation teaching that laws should be broken if the breaker disapproved of them and from this seed our present condition of civil war has sprouted. Worst of all our police are given instructions not to use night sticks or guns, to only watch the looting and fires and make motions (for TV cameras probably).

Martin Luther King

The whole event looks like a frameup for the mighty push. I now believe that King himself knew of the plot and was told he would be just a little bit shot, like Meredith. With false leads given to law enforcement officers the "crime" could never be solved and the FBI could be discredited throughout the nation and with it J. Edgar Hoover who was not really a favorite of King and his disciples. He has been said to have "predicted" his martyrdom and the whole scene sounds phony: an assassin (who MUST be white), the victim on the balcony talking to friends below -- how else could he be shot without police watching? All my liberal acquaintances reacted as planned but all my conservative friends agree. From the fact that trouble in NYC is suppressed by the mayor and the press (I have police officers and neighbors who say nothing gets into the papers) and the fact that Lindsay is claiming credit for keeping peace here, it is almost impossible to escape the conclusion that the Liberal Establishment is grooming him for the Top Spot, and nothing must mar his image.

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100-106670

How did Kenyatta, the Mau-Mau leader get into this country? I hear that he rode to Memphis with Lindsay, APR 11 1968

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For the love of God and our country, Mr. Hoover, keep yourself safe! We need you desperately. May God protect you.

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sincerely,

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CORRESPONDENCE

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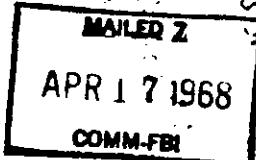
Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter was received on April 15th.

I have never made any statements to the effect that Martin Luther King was a communist. Information of this nature, whether substantiated or not, could not be released under provisions of an order issued by the Department of Justice pertaining to all matters of a confidential nature.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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Chugiak, Alaska

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April 10, 1968

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Since the death of Dr. Martin Luther King there has been talk about him being a Communist. One of the mothers of a sixth grader in the class that I am teaching said that:

1. It is a shame to lower the flag in memory of a communist.
2. There are pictures of him conferring with communist leaders.
3. Edgar J. Hoover has proven and has said that he was a communist.

Has your office investigated such allegations?
Have they studied such mentioned pictures?

Can your office send any information that would give a good answer to these questions. I think many people are poorly informed about how Dr. King stood on Communism. I may be one of them. Please answer soon if possible.

Very truly yours,

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April 10, 1968

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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Has your office investigated such allegations? Have they studied such mentioned pictures?

Can your office send any information that would give a good answer to these questions. I think many people are fairly informed about how Dr. King stood on Communism. It may be one of the ~~top 100~~ 100-106670-7-354
Please answer soon if possible.

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Very truly yours,

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CORRESPONDENCE

Chugiak, Alaska
Box 357

April 16, 1968

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Durham, North Carolina 27707

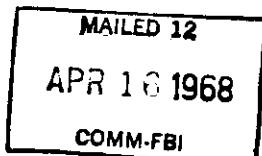
Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter of April 10th. It was good of you to openly express the obvious interest you have in your country.

I do wish I could be of service to you in connection with the subject of your inquiry. There are, however, certain official regulations, long in effect, which maintain as strictly confidential the information in FBI files.

I certainly hope that your son returns to you safely from Vietnam. He and other brave young men are performing a tremendous service for their country.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover



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April 10, 1968

Dear Mr. Hoover,

My heart is heavy for my son and all servicemen fighting in Vietnam. From all the trouble in our country today, it appears to me that we must be under communism. If this is true, why not bring our boys home.

I have always taught my children to love their country, honor its flag, always, and if their country needed them, it was their duty to go. Today I must admit sorrowfully, I have taught them wrong. I honestly from my heart believe our country has turned its back on the white race and the taxpayer. Let me state this in another way. I cannot put the blame on the country but the leaders of our land, for you see a home is no better than the people in it, so I must say a country is no better than the people who run it.

A few years ago, I read in the paper where you stated that your files had enough in them on Martin Luther King Jr. to stop him from all his has done. I believe this one man has created more violence and hatred under the name of nonviolence than any man in these United States. Mr. Hoover, if your files have information on this man, I believe it is your duty to your country, to its taxpayers, for they have had to bare the burden of this man heavily, and most of all to our servicemen, fighting and dying uselessly in Vietnam.

Please except this letter as written sincerely from my heart, for I am deeply concerned for my country, the fighting men in Vietnam, and for the burdened taxpayer.

Sincerely,

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Honorable Sam J. Ervin, Jr.
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

My dear Senator:

I have received your letter of April 11th concerning inquiries made of you regarding the release of information from FBI files pertaining to Martin Luther King.

While I certainly would like to be of assistance to your constituents, information in our files must remain confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I cannot be of help.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Senator Ervin is on the mailing list to receive the Uniform Crime Reports bulletin and we have maintained cordial correspondence with him.

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

April 11, 1968

Mr. Wilson	✓
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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Because of the events of the past week, I have received a number of letters and telegrams from my North Carolina constituents asking that the Federal Bureau of Investigation open its files, if any, on Dr. Martin Luther King.

In order to answer these communications, I would like to have an answer from you on whether the Federal Bureau of Investigation's policy would allow this.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Sam J. Ervin, Jr.
Sam J. Ervin, Jr.

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Powell, Wyoming 82435

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Dear [REDACTED]

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Your letter of April 8th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, I did make the statement that Martin Luther King was the most notorious liar in the country at a press conference on November 18, 1964. I did so because he had grossly distorted the facts concerning our Special Agents handling civil rights investigations in the South. It is not possible for me to comment further inasmuch as information in our files must remain confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice.



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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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April 8, 1968

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In our attempt to understand and actively participate in the struggle for racial equality (in spite of our distance from the cities), we've been trying to understand the situation. Yesterday, during our discussion group which follows the Sunday service, the following questions were raised. Didn't you call Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. a liar, and wasn't he a fellow-traveler of the Communists in your opinion?

I would hope that you could give an explanation of the above in proper context. We have fine people in this town, but some have swallowed the John Birch technique and thus are quoting you all over the place in a way which is not only out of context but completely distorted. My aim is for the love of Jesus Christ to really overcome the hatred bred by prejudice in these people. I would appreciate some kind of statement from you since, in front of a large number of people yesterday, I challenged the idea that you considered King a Communist (although I realize you have had your differences with Dr. King). Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of April 9th has been received.

In response to your request, information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. It is not possible for me to comment further concerning your inquiries.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with correspondent. Correspondent wrote similar letter 4/9/68 to Congressman Jackson E. Betts who referred it to the Bureau by routing slip. We replied to the Congressman 4/15/68 and sent him copy our letter to [REDACTED]
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Mansfield, Ohio 44903
April 9, 1968

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✓ Mr. Tavel
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J. Edgar Hoover, Chief
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The other day I heard a radio broadcast by Paul Harvey on station WMAN in Mansfield, Ohio.

During that broadcast, Harvey cautioned people that they should contact their congressmen, and the representatives should in turn contact the F.B.I., before the communities follow through with plans to rename streets and public buildings after the late Martin Luther King.

Why? Why the Federal Bureau of Investigation? If you have something to tell us that we should know, why don't you say it? Why must it come through a commentator?

Will you please tell me what you have on this subject? Why shouldn't we go ahead with such plans?

It is important for me to know what this means. May I please have your complete answer as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

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Shelton, Washington 98584

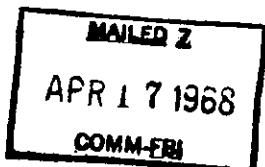
Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of April 11th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, this Bureau has never issued the statement which was attributed to it in your communication. Information of this nature, whether substantiated or not, could not be released under provisions of an order issued by the Department of Justice pertaining to all matters of a confidential nature.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C. 20001

Dear Sir:

Unless my memory fails me, Martin Luther King was identified by your Bureau as being dangerous to the welfare of the Republic. If this is true I would appreciate a copy of whatever public statement was made in this regard.

Thanking you for your courtesy, I remain,

Very truly yours,

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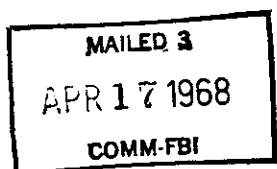
Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of April 11th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, at a press conference on November 18, 1964, I did make the statement that Martin Luther King was the most notorious liar in the country. I did so because he had grossly distorted the facts concerning our Special Agents handling civil rights investigations in the South.

Information relating to any possible communistic affiliations on the part of Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or not, could not be released under provisions of an order issued by the Department of Justice pertaining to all matters of a confidential nature.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover



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South Bend, Indiana
April 11, 1968

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Mr. [redacted]

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

G. C. Moore

During a recent discussion of Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. late leader of Southern Christian Leadership Conference, I mentioned the fact that I believe he had Communistic affiliations and was a threat to the security of our country. And I still believe the Southern Christian Leadership Conference is a threat to our country's security.

I was verbally attacked for even mentioning Mr. King's name with Communism. I do need some material from respected authority and hope you can help me.

A recent newspaper article quoted you as calling Martin Luther King the "biggest liar in our country." Will you please tell me why you called him a liar?

I need a reply within the next ten days, and thank you in advance for whatever help you will give me.

Sincerely,

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West Hempstead, New York 11552

Dear [REDACTED]

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J. C. Brown

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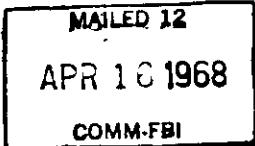
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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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[REDACTED]
West Hempstead
L. I., N. Y. 11552
April 8th - 68

Mr. J. E. Hoover

Dear Sir --

I am writing to ask you if
you really said what was printed in
Sundays L. I. Press by "Jules Loh"
that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was the most
notorious Liar in the Country.

What a terrible thing for anyone to say at
this time giving Encouragement to the Violent
Destructive Forces

I am (79 yrs young)

Sincerely

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Honorable Robert B. Mathias
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

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My dear Congressman:

I have received your letter of April 12th,
with enclosure.

While I certainly would like to be of assistance to your constituent, information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I cannot be of help to [REDACTED] in this regard; however, I am enclosing some material concerning the communist influence in racial matters which you may desire to forward to him.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosure

Appropriations Testimony 2-16-67, re Communist Influence in Racial Matters

NOTE: Congressman Mathias was elected in 1966. Our only outgoing to him 9-22-67, advised him we were opening an additional office at Sacramento, and in this letter he was addressed as above. Bufiles contain no record of [REDACTED] Enclosure is letter from Genis to the Congressman calling for the release of Martin Luther King's "record" WMG:mew and requests literature concerning subversive influences with-
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BOB MATHIAS
18TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

1006 LONGWORTH HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

April 12, 1968

WILLIAM H. PARK
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
WASHINGTON, D.C.

KERN COUNTY OFFICE:
800 TRUXTUN AVENUE, ROOM 202
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA 93301

KINGS AND TULARE COUNTIES:
3901 MOONEY BOULEVARD
VISALIA, CALIFORNIA 93277

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter from one of my constituents, [REDACTED]
Bakersfield, California, relative to reports on
Reverend Martin Luther King.

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I would appreciate your giving consideration to the statements contained in [REDACTED] letter and furnishing me with a report at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

BOB MATHIAS
U. S. Congressman

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TRUE COPY

April 5, 68

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b7(c) [REDACTED] ROCHESTER, New York 14607

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of April 9th, with enclosure, has been received and I want to thank you for writing and forwarding me a copy of your letter to President Johnson.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Although some of her correspondence has not been answered, it is felt that the above brief reply over the Director's signature is appropriate.

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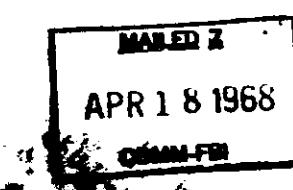
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Mr. J Edgar Hoover, Chief
FBI, Department of Justice Bldg.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Greetings! How are you?

I am inspired again to write to you and enclose a copy of my letter to the President, requesting your consideration also concerning the issues.

I have confidence in you as a Christian gentleman to uphold the ideals of Martin Luther King, not only to uplift and benefit his race of people but the white race, too, in mutual security of America. ¹⁰¹ ~~105-43086-8X~~ ⁷⁰ ~~3345~~

Wishing you all good things.

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Sincerely,

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President Johnson
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

This letter expresses my Goodwill and Admiration for a good President, even for the one who was Senator of the early 1950's.

However, due to the sadness of the hour and the Great American Tragedy on the death of the great American Dr. Martin King, I am expressing the following views:

Rolf Italienka has written a book entitled "New Leaders of Africa" that is noteworthy for America to be acquainted with to bring it to a self understanding so that things can be changed for the better.

Alan Paton has said that abstract justice is a great and powerful thing, but that practical justice is still more powerful - it alone can guide the peoples of the world towards peace.

On Page 174 of the book "New Leaders of Africa" is a statement that is noteworthy. Quote: "When the white man holds firm to his Christian and humanist ideals, he will be treasured by the African as a friend, a counselor, a helper of the first rank."

America should well remember the ideals of Reverend King, the man of the CENTURY.

America needs to return to God in the Spirit of Abraham Lincoln and George Washington and avoid threatening extinction from Communism within and without.

Wishing you all good things, and I also wish to express my confidence in you as a Christian President to bring about justice due Martin Luther King and to uplift his race of people as he would wish it.

Very truly yours,

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April 19, 1968

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West Covina, California 91790

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Dear

Your letter was received on April 17th and I want to thank you for your kind comments.

In response to your inquiry, I did not make the statement attributed to me in your communication. However, at a press conference on November 18, 1964, I made the statement that Martin Luther King was the most notorious liar in the country. I did so because he had grossly distorted the facts concerning our Special Agents handling civil rights investigations in the South. I have neither retracted this statement nor have I made any apology.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
FBI
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I am a firm believer in the fact that the late Dr. Martin Luther King was as you once said, "The biggest hypocrite of the century." But alarmingly it has come to my knowledge by rumor that you have publicly apologized.

You are a great man of importance. You are looked up to as a leader, as one whos' thoughts and words are to be looked upon as wise and important. You could lead many thoughts in the right direction. If we continue to let the people of this nation to honor and love those like Mr. King all will slowly turn to his way of thinking.

No one has the guts to speak their mind on Mr. King. All men of importance have failed. All have forgotten what they once said or felt. Is the rumor true? Have you also failed? This country needs one good example, someone of importance to tell the truth about one of the worst people to become a leader. We need facts to prove it!

I want to know if you did apologize. I know you are a busy person, but I am in need of an answer. I'm one of this country's younger citizens. I'm a sophomore in high school and I want a decent nation to live in. Just the fact that you didn't apologize would renew what little faith I have left for my country's leaders. I hope you can truthfully supply it.

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I beg of you to please answer my letter. I know I am of little importance to someone like you, but I am a person who see's little good becoming of their country, and I would like to be assured that not all are "going bad."

Sincerely yours,

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April 19, 1968

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Honorable L. Mendel Rivers
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

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My dear Congressman:

Your letter of April 17th, with enclosure, has been received.

In response to your constituent's inquiry as to whether or not Martin Luther King was a communist or has been connected with an organization dedicated to the overthrow of our country by violence, information of this nature, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of a Department of Justice order regarding all matters of a confidential nature. I am sorry I cannot be of assistance in this instance.

The enclosure to your communication is being returned.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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CHAIRMAN
COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

April 17, 1968

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I received from the [REDACTED] regarding the late Dr. Martin Luther King. I believe that [REDACTED] expresses a clear desire to determine the truth without bias regarding the questions he has put concerning Doctor King's background, and I would be grateful for any light you could shed on this matter.

With warmest personal regards,

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

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April 11, 1968

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Congressman L. Mendel Rivers
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20027

Dear Congressman Rivers:

In order to clear a lot of muddy water about the person Dr. Martin Luther King, I would like to have some information if it is in your power to give it.

1. Is he or has he ever been a member of the Communist Party of the United States?
2. Does our F.B.I. have any information that would indicate that this man has been a part of an organization dedicated to the overthrow of our country by violence?
3. Please relay any information that you feel might clear the record as to this man's character as an American and a loyal citizen.

Be sure that my continued support is with you in all of your work and efforts in Washington.

Sincerely yours,

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April 11, 1968

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[REDACTED]
Anaheim, California 92804

Dear [REDACTED]

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*Moore
G.C. [unclear]
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I have received your letter of April 5th and want to thank you for your kind sentiments regarding my work. Comments such as yours are a source of encouragement to me.

With respect to your inquiries, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not determine whether prosecutive action will be undertaken in any situation. Such decisions, insofar as violations of Federal law are concerned, are within the province of the Attorney General.

Since information contained in FBI files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice, I am not in a position to comment further; however, you may wish to contact the Attorney General in this matter.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Anaheim, California 92801
April 5, 1968

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

First, Sir, I shall like to take this opportunity to thank you, as one American to another on the fine work you have done throughout the years in combating, crime, subversion, and communism in our nation. Your courage and patriotism is outstanding, and certainly gives so many of us moral support to say the least.

Now Sir, unfortunately I just have to ask you a question. Why in the world, wasn't the file on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., ever brought to the public attention of the American people? I realize that your hands are tied down in so many ways, but Sir, because of the tragic in Memphis, this man is now a hero.

Because of this unfortunate and terrible murder of this man, not only will M L King become a hero and symbol, but also race relations between both black and white Americans alike will be strained all the more. Don't you think that all this could have been prevented by exposing this mans background to a Federal Grand Jury? I believe that it would have been a good start in the right direction for Americans to at least start to live together as Christians.

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As I said above Sir, I realize that your hands are tied as to what you can do. However, there are people who could have done something. Why didn't they? Finally, Mr. Hoover, are we to sit by and watch our country go down the drain? I just don't know what to think.

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I would like very much to hear from you Sir, if you could just spare a minute for me. Thank you again for everything you have done, and God Bless you always.

Yours for the Republic,

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Re NY teletype to the Bureau 4/17/68.

There are enclosed for the Bureau 11 copies of an LHM containing information from [REDACTED] on 4/16/68, b(2) concerning a conversation between STANLEY LEVISON and CORETTA KING in which LEVISON counseled CORETTA on actions she should take. b7(D)

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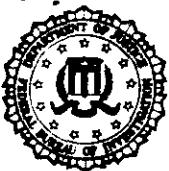
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New York, New York
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NY A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, learned on April 16, 1968, that on that date, Stanley Levison was in contact with Coretta King, wife of Martin Luther King, deceased head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). Levison told Coretta that Joan Davis (a publisher's representative) has a good idea which is that Coretta should negotiate now with some publisher for a book on Martin Luther King and herself but with the provision that Coretta would not have to make delivery for a year or two. He said this would give her the highest possible price in view of the great interest at the present time.

NY Coretta noted that Dave Dellinger (National Director, National Mobilization Committee to End The War in Vietnam) has been trying to get her to make an appearance "at his peace thing" (the major mass anti-Vietnam demonstration planned for Central Park, New York City on April 27, 1968) and that Andrew Young (Executive Vice President of the SCLC) thinks she should do it because of the stalemate on the peace question.

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

Levison warned Coretta about allowing Dellinger to pressure her and said she should not allow herself to be "overexposed" or "overused" because he feels people will try to exploit her to make their own jobs easier. However, Levison and Coretta agreed that she should try to appear at the peace meeting of April 27. Levison said he would contact Dellinger for more details. ~~S~~

Coretta commented that she wants to support the Poor People's Campaign Mother's Day March (part of the SCLC's Poor People's Campaign scheduled for Washington, D.C.) and wants to try to mobilize women. She noted that she had planned to hold a meeting in New York City on April 5, 1968, calling together the heads of various women's organizations to talk about what women could do about the Poor People's Campaign, the Welfare Mother's March, and the Emergency Coalition of Women which succeeded the Jeanette Rankin Brigade. She wanted to know if a new date has been set for the Poor People's march and Levison stated that no new date has been set yet. They agreed she should try to appear at the Mother's Day March of the 12th. ~~S~~

Coretta noted that Nelson Rockefeller (Governor of New York) had called her that day to ask if the SCLC, or if she personally, needed money. She said she referred him to Andrew Young on both questions. Coretta added that Rockefeller stated that, after things calm down, he and his wife would like to get together with her and her children. ~~S~~

Levison commented that, although Nelson Rockefeller is a politician, he, Levison, believes Rockefeller is sincere in what he said. Levison said he believes this because he knows Rodman Rockefeller and that Stephen Rockefeller has been a contributor to SCLC. Levison thinks the Rockefeller family have been properly trained on "this question" ~~S~~

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Demopolis, Alabama 36732

Dear [REDACTED]

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I have received your letter of April 12th, with enclosure, and certainly appreciate your kind comments concerning my administration of the FBI. I want to assure you that we in the FBI will continue to discharge our responsibilities in the internal security field with the same high degree of thoroughness and dispatch which have characterized our investigations in the past.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Chief of Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

MARTIN LUTHER KING

Dear Sir:

I feel sure you are aware and familiar with the characteristics of most of the nationally known persons. However in my opinion the enclosed editorial comes as close to expressing the true colors under which the individual(is) was sailing, as I have seen.

Even tho some of the leaders of this country have become sentimental and due to either fear or personal gain, have let their sentimentality override their better judgement, rest assured that there are many, who thank God we still have a man like you that we can depend on to continue your consistant vigilance.

I firmly beleive that my thinking is the same as millions of other middle class Americans and that is: Due to the constant blunders made by the leaders of this country, and there is nothing for sure in sight that there will be any change for the better, we are going to have to depend on some organization such as your department to prevent this country from going into chaos.

Mr. Hoover, regardless of the amount or type of pressure that well organized pressure groups use, DO NOT DEVIATE OR GIVE IN.

Having a man like you that represents a fine department like yours, gives me some feeling of security.

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You're very truly

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Dr. King's Double-Talk

"I DON'T LIKE to predict violence," lied Dr. King from the pulpit of the Washington National Cathedral Sunday, "but if nothing is done between now and June to raise ghetto hopes, I feel this summer will not only be as bad, but worse than last year."

Go back a few years. When massive resistance was popular in the South, Southern demagogues said that violence would ensue if the schools (or places of public accommodation or whatever was at issue at the moment) were desegregated.

It was plainly an open invitation to those prone to violence to get busy and prove that their leader was right. They were provided not only with a high-level excuse but almost a command performance. The Northern liberals screamed "incitement." They were right. We said as much.

Now we are saying that the canonized King is peddling violence grotesquely camouflaged as its opposite and obscenely disguised by religion. For some time we have despaired that the northern liberals he had gullied would ever see this black demagoguery for what it is.

There are signs of hope now. As King ~~make Sunday~~ fresh from a non-violent

the Cathedral Sunday. "Nor are we coming to tear up Washington."

Fresh in everybody's memory was the still smoking fires of Memphis, which the Reverend had fled with all deliberate speed once the inevitable consequences of his mob action became a little hot for his liking.

If Washington is still standing in August, the troops may be dispatched to the conventions in Chicago and Miami, King said, to try some non-violent persuasion there.

Considering the manpower available to Washington, it is conceivable that violence can be prevented. Conceivable. But the odds favor what one Justice Department official described as making Memphis "look like a tea party by comparison."

At least Adam Clayton Powell is honest about it. He said in Florida Sunday: "The concept of non-violence is finished. You've got to cut the umbilical cords. Forget your parents' world, your preachers' world — they're finished ... I'm calling for total revolution of young people, black and white, against the sick society of America."

That's his line, frankly stated. Grant

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of April 15th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director F.B.I.
Washington, D. C.

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Greenville, N. H.
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Dear Mr. Hoover;

To my way of thinking it was shocking to see the American Flag at half mast following the death of Martin Luther King, businesses and shops and factories, many of them had their flags at half mast. I happen to be Catholic and my own church declared a day of mourning for him. I fly the flag and kept it up the top although I have at times lowered it at half mast, when General McArthur passed away, again then John Kennedy died although I disagreed with his policies, I believed it was the right thing to do, then again for Herbert Hoover but not for Martin Luther King.

When the opportunity arises where I can raise an objection to such things I don't fail to do so but there are so many people that disagree with me that it's maddening. I know that this King is a member of the Communist Party and that is the purpose of this letter, to find out once and for all "is he or isn't he?". Would you please send me photostats of what you have on this man insofar as communism is concerned, I would keep it in my car and when an arguement came up as to where I ever got such a silly idea that Martin Luther King was a communist I could throw this in their faces and ask them if they still want to deny it, this would be the authority. There are too many people giving me the ha-ha about this I must prove to them beyond any reasonable doubt that I am right and they are wrong.

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I don't suppose there is a list of subversives in my area unless the office in Nashua has such a list. It would be interesting to know how many people I meet on the street that are members of the Communist Party, I would just love to tell some of these people "you are a member of the Communist Party" and have the proof to back me up, right out of the Bureau of Federal Investigation. Your reply would be greatly appreciated. 28

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of April 10th and
certainly appreciate your kind sentiments.

In response to your inquiries, while I would
like to be of assistance, information in our files must be
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of the Department of Justice.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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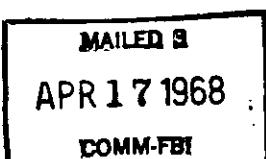
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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

If my memory serves me rightly I read something, a few years ago, to the effect that the F. B. I. had evidence in its files that Martin Luther King attended Communist schools.

Also, does the F. B. I. have any information on the educational discipline (i.e. courses, years of study, thesis) that M. L. K. underwent to earn the degree of doctor of theology?

Again, does your department have any information on the organization, and the color of its background (i.e. philosophy), that promoted M. L. K. for the Nobel Peace Prize?

Concerning myself: I am a Catholic priest, ordained 30 years, and I have spent most of my priestly life in Chicago as a science teacher at [REDACTED] High School (during that time I talked to many of your agents when they came to our school seeking information about our graduates). I was assigned to parish work here [REDACTED] last December '67. I am a citizen of the United States. b7(c)

Thanking you for any comments that you see fit to make to the first three paragraphs (it will be used for my own background information and not for publication) and trusting that God will continue to bless your life and your work, I am

sincerely

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs,

A rumor is prevalent in our community declaring that the files of your Bureau, purported to have been seen, includes materials proving Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a Communist. I would appreciate word from you indicating the truth or falseness of this accusation.

Very truly yours

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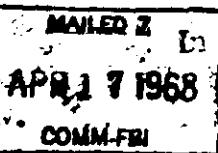
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Your letter of April 9th has been received.

At a press conference on November 18, 1964, I did make the statement that Martin Luther King was the most notorious liar in the country. I did so because he had grossly distorted the facts concerning our Special Agents handling civil rights investigations in the South.

With respect to your allegation that this Bureau has not shown enthusiasm in protecting the rights of all citizens, I want to positively assure you that the FBI has and will continue to discharge its responsibilities with the highest degree of thoroughness and dispatch without apology to anyone. Our investigations of alleged violations of Federal laws protecting civil rights are conducted, as are all our operations, in a thorough, straightforward manner, and only where we have jurisdiction. If no Federal law is involved, we will not--cannot--investigate the offense, no matter how serious the crime or how loud the outcry of offended parties or groups. Jurisdictional lines must be adhered to if the integrity of democratic government is to be preserved.



In connection with this, if at any time you obtain any facts by this Bureau, I would appreciate it if you would let me know.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Martin Luther King

Dear Mr. Hoover,

There could be no more appropriate time to call to your attention that fact that you once called the good and great man who was laid to rest today "the most notorious liar in the country."

First of all, you had no business making this statement. You run the FBI, and it is not your function to pass judgement on the veracity of public figures. Second, your statement was in itself an outright lie. Thirdly, you have never had the decency, so far as I know, to publicly retract this falsehood and apologize to Dr. King. While you can no longer apologize to him personally, it is high time you did admit your mistake in public, and the sooner the better.

I also recall that the FBI has never shown any enthusiasm for protecting the rights of our Southern black citizens anyway. It is a sad commentary on your understanding of what American democracy is all about that while you were busy warning of commies under every bedsheet you never saw any danger to democracy in the brutal denial of basic rights by the racists in this country.

I also object to the fact that for years you have seemed to think the FBI and yourself are virtually independent of the Attorney General and the President, when in fact you are subordinate to both. Neither you nor General Hershey seem to have what the true functions of your operations are.

President Johnson made a regrettable mistake when he waived the retirement requirements in your case. However, you could easily correct that mistake.....

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Clyde, Ohio 43410

Dear [REDACTED]

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Your letter of April 9th has been received.

In reply to your question, the FBI has never made any statements to the effect that Martin Luther King was a communist. Information of this nature, whether substantiated or not, could not be released under provisions of an order issued by the Department of Justice pertaining to all matters of a confidential nature.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Clyde, Ohio

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F. B. I. Washington, D. C.
Director J. Edgar Hoover

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In our little village of Clyde, Ohio, a rumor is getting started that Martin Luther King was a Communist.

This was reported to be a report written by an F. B. I. Agent.

I can't believe this to be true and wish to stop this rumor.

I am white but feel we do not need any more reason for friction between the races than we already have.

Can you inform me as to whether one of your agents may have published a report of this kind, or is this just another false story to stir up trouble.

Please advise at your earliest convenience.

Heaven help us all if we do not begin to adopt a more Christian attitude about other races or political beliefs.

Thanking you

Clyde, Ohio 43410

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Prichard, Alabama 36610

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April 11, 1968

The Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D. C.

Dear Sirs:

I would like to believe that Martin Luther King, Jr. was the man he was said to be in all the television commentary related to his death and funeral. On the other hand, it is said that both he and his wife were strongly influenced by the communist movement.

If it is possible for the information that you have to be made public, I would like to receive it.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. Felt

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EDITORIAL

THE PRICE OF INSANITY

More than a bullet killed Rev. Martin Luther King. The real cause of his death was the insanity that has pitted man against man in a struggle that should never have been necessary.

Dr. King loved his country ... and its ideals ... or, he would not have fought so long, nor exposed himself to so much peril in order to win the blessings of freedom for all men.

Only those who don't believe in the American Dream could possibly have been responsible for his death. For death and destruction certainly are not part of that ideal.

The death of this man of God must have a message for all of us in Detroit. Faced with such a terrible alternative ... we must dedicate ourselves to the ideals which he symbolized ... of peace, freedom, and love for all men.

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